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# ***Town of Bedford***

## ***Annual Town and School Reports***

# ***2008***



***Town and School District Elections***  
***Tuesday, March 10, 2009***

*Photo by Susan Clark*

***Bedford High School Gymnasium - 7:00 am- 7:00 pm***



## **TOWN DIRECTORY**

### **TOWN OFFICES**

24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday – 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Assessing, Planning and Zoning.....	472-8104
Auto/Dog/Voter Registration .....	472-3550
Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates.....	472-3550
Finance and Personnel .....	472-9869
Parks and Recreation .....	472-5242
Public Works: Highway and Sewer.....	472-3070
Tax Collector/Town Clerk.....	472-3550
Town Office – Administration .....	472-5242

Website: [www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org)

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### **SAFETY COMPLEX**

55 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Building/Health Code Official/Inspector.....	472-3838
Fire Department – Business Line .....	472-3219
Police Department - Business Line .....	472-5113
<b>FIRE AND POLICE EMERGENCY LINE.....</b>	<b>911</b>

Website: [www.bedfordpd.com](http://www.bedfordpd.com)

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### **BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am- 3:00 pm

Sunday, 1:00 am – 5:00 pm (*September through June*)

Telephone ..... 472-3023

Website: [www.bedford.lib.nh.us](http://www.bedford.lib.nh.us)

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### **OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

**Town Pool**, 20 County Road (summer only) ..... 472-7331

**Transfer Station/Dump**, Chubbuck Road ..... 472-4563

Hours: Tuesday – 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday through Saturday - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

(Closed Sunday and Monday)

**BCTV – Channels 16 & 22**, 10 Meetinghouse Road..... 472-8288



ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE  
TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**TOWN COUNCILORS**

Mike Izbicki, Chairman .....	2010
Bob Young, Vice Chairman .....	2009
Paul F. Roy, Sr. ....	2009
Normand Longval .....	2009
Michael Scanlon .....	2010
Bill Dermody .....	2011
Christopher Bandazian .....	2011

**TOWN CLERK**

Lori Radke .....	2011
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**MODERATOR**

Ryk Bullock .....	2010
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**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Benita Diamond, Chairperson .....	2012
M. Elaine Tefft .....	2010
Joan McMahan .....	2014

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Scott Earnshaw, Chairman .....	2009
Mark Peicker .....	2010
Daniel Barnes .....	2011

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Robert Brooks, Chairman .....	2009
Edward Moran .....	2010
Anthony Frederick .....	2011

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Town Manager .....	Russell R. Marcoux
Executive Assistant .....	Dawn Boufford
Assessor .....	William Ingalls
Building Code Official .....	Wayne Richardson
Environmental Coordinator .....	Steve Crean
Finance Director .....	Crystal Dionne
Fire Chief .....	Scott Wiggin
Information Systems .....	Brian Davis
Library Director .....	Mary Ann Senatro
Police Chief .....	David Bailey
Planning Director .....	Rick Sawyer
Public Works Director .....	Jim Stanford
BCTV Station Manager .....	Bill Jennings
Town Treasurer .....	Edith Schmidtchen
Recreation Director .....	Vacant

**STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Governor .....	John Lynch
US Senators .....	Judd Gregg
.....	John Sununu
US Representatives .....	Paul Hodes
.....	Carol Shea-Porter
Executive Councilor .....	Raymond Wieczorek
State Senator .....	Sheila Roberge

**REPRESENTATIVES TO THE  
GENERAL COURT**

Mark Clark  
John Graham  
Ken Hawkins  
Edward P. Moran  
Jayne Spaulding  
Maurice Villeneuve





## **APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Paul Goldberg, Chairman .....	2010
Jon Levenstein, Vice Chairman .....	2009
Harold Newberry, Secretary .....	2011
Deb Sklar .....	2011
Erik Anderson .....	2009
Karen McGinley .....	2011
Robert Young, Councilor	
Russell Marcoux, Town Manager	
Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works	

#### **Alternates**

Mike Izbicki, Councilor	
Michael Burns .....	2011
Christopher Riley .....	2009
Tom Gordon .....	2010

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

James O'Neil, Chairman .....	2009
Eric Bernard .....	2011
William Walsh .....	2010
Bill Jean .....	2011
Christopher Bandazian, Councilor	

#### **Alternates**

Jeffrey Ropes .....	2011
David Nielsen .....	2009
Sharon Stirling .....	2010
Bill Dermody, Councilor	

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Mervyn Taub, Chairman .....	2011
Glenn Boston, Vice Chairman .....	2009
Karen Simmons .....	2009
David Brown .....	2009
Anthony Clark .....	2010
Norm Longval, Councilor	
Neil Casale, Planning Board	

#### **Alternates**

Landy Labonte .....	2010
Mark Dell'Orfano .....	2010
Greg May .....	2010
Paul F. Roy, Sr., Councilor	
Michael Burns, Planning Board	

### **TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES**

Ralph Dieter, Chairman .....	2009
John Wood .....	2011
Howard Frizzell .....	2010

### **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Andrew Noyes, Chairman .....	2010
Laura O'Donnell, Vice Chair .....	2010
Pamela Weeks-Dorji .....	2009
Greg Zimmermann .....	2011

Erik Anderson, Planning Board

Norm Longval, Councilor

#### **Alternates**

John Bostwick .....	2011
Barbara Potter .....	2009
Bernie Ruchin .....	2010
Paul Roy, Sr., Councilor	

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

William Foote, Chairman .....	2009
Michelle Casale, Vice Chair .....	2010
Sue Thomas .....	2011
Mike Desroche .....	2009
Michael Scanlon, Councilor	

#### **Alternates**

Kim Dancault .....	2011
Dennis "Mac" McMahan .....	2010
Norm Longval, Councilor	

### **BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION**

Robert Thomas, Chairman .....	2010
Mary Lou Wilson, Vice Chair .....	2011
Richard Rawlings, Secretary .....	2010
Eugene Mackie .....	2011
Mike Robinson .....	2010
Michael Sills .....	2010
Lauren Horton .....	2009
Bill Dermody, Councilor	
Christopher Bandazian, Councilor Alternate	
Terry Wolf, School Board	

### **HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Police Chief David Bailey, Chairman	
Fire Chief Scott Wiggin	
Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works	
Paul F. Roy, Sr., Councilor	
Anne Wiggin, School Department	
Gerry Gagne, Resident .....	2009
Ken Peterson, Resident .....	2010
Tony Grande, Alternate .....	2009
Kathy Benuck, Alternate .....	2010
Bill Dermody, Councilor Alternate	

### **WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bruce Thomas, Chairman .....	2010
Paul Goldberg .....	2011
Paul Arnold .....	2011
Richard Moore .....	2009
Michael Scanlon, Councilor	
Bob Young, Councilor Alternate	
Steve Crean, Environmental Coordinator	
Richard Sawyer, Planning Director	



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## DEDICATION



**T**his year's Town Report is dedicated to two of Bedford's most devoted residents, Don and Betty Folsom. Both have served the community in numerous capacities in their 60 years as residents of Bedford.

Betty recently retired from the Bedford Public Library where she worked for 28 years in the Circulation Department. Other service to the community includes: Bedford Mother's Club President; Scout Den mother; Bedford Ladies Social Circle, President, Secretary and Treasurer; Bedford Unity Club, Secretary; Bedford Garden Club, President; Bedford Little League Auxiliary, President; Bedford Fire Department Auxiliary, President; Bedford Presbyterian Church Elder; Sunday School teacher for 10 years; Supervisor of the Checklist, 15 years; and Friends of the Bedford Library Board member.

Don was in the Navy in WWII and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. Service to the town of Bedford includes: Bedford Little League Coach, Manager and President; Bedford Unity Club, President; Bedford Presbyterian Church, Trustee, Elder and Building and Grounds Committee; Bedford Fire Department Volunteer, Captain, Clerk and EMT; Bedford VFW, Adjutant; Board of Adjustment, TOB, 5 years; Budget Committee; Member Bedford American Legion; and Bedford Cemetery Trustee.

Don and Betty's love and dedication to their family and friends and their contributions to the community are greatly appreciated and are an inspiration to us all.



## **Budgetary Town Meeting – Bedford High School Wednesday, March 5, 2008**

The Bedford Budgetary Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2008 at the Bedford High School auditorium. Moderator Eugene Van Loan III opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and introduced those seated on the stage: Councilors Paul Roy, Mike Izbicki, Bob Young, Kevin Keyes, Bill Jean, Michael Scanlon, and Norm Longval; Town Manager Russ Marcoux; Finance Director Crystal Dionne; Town Clerk Wanda Jenkins. There were approximately 110 people present in the audience.

Moderator Van Loan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Van Loan turned the microphone over to Town Council Chairman Paul Roy for a presentation.

This was Moderator Van Loan's last Budgetary Town Meeting as Town Moderator and Chairman Roy presented him with a plaque, which read:

### **In Appreciation and Recognition for 31 years of**

*Loyal & Dedicated Service  
as Town Moderator*

*1973 – 1990*

*1994 – 2008*

*The Citizens of Bedford are Grateful  
for your Commitment to our Community.*

Moderator Van Loan thanked all the people who over the years have volunteered their time and effort to assist in the elections; the many citizens who over the years who volunteered their time to serve as election officials just for the good of the town. He also thanked Ryk Bullock, assistant moderator. It's not an elected position, but was appointed by Moderator Van Loan. He thanked Mr. Bullock for all the assistance he gave him.

Chairman Roy stated that Wanda Jenkins was not running for re-election as Town Clerk. She is the definition of a lady. She is always pleasant. Even on a bad day, she still has a smile. She will truly be missed. Wanda was presented with a rocking chair.

Wanda Jenkins thanked everyone for their continued support and their friendship. She has enjoyed each and every one of them and will truly miss all of them. She's looking forward to seeing everyone around town.

Chairman Roy stated that Bill Jean filled the vacancy on the Council left by Bill Van Anglen and that he was

everything they hoped and more. He read the presentation:

*In Appreciation  
Of Bill Jean Town Councilor  
July 25, 2007 – March 11, 2008*

*Bill Jean was unanimously appointed by the Town Council on  
July 25, 2007.*

*On behalf of the Bedford Town Council, we would like to  
thank Bill Jean for his service and leadership as a  
Councilor for the  
Town of Bedford,  
On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008*

Town Manager Russ Marcoux came forward to make a presentation. He stated that Kevin Keyes has been a Town Councilor for six years, he was chair for a year, and he was involved in the Historic District Commission, the Planning Board, as well as many other involvements in the community. He stated that Kevin Keyes, Paul Roy, Michael Scanlon and Norm Longval were the ones that hired him and thanked them for bringing him to Bedford. He thanked Councilor Keyes for his friendship and everything that he's done for the community. They all owe him a debt of gratitude for the six years he's given to the town. Mr. Marcoux presented Councilor Keyes with a plaque, which read:

### **In Appreciation and Recognition of your Outstanding Dedication and Service as a Town Councilor**

*Bedford Town Council  
2002 – 2008  
Chairman – 2005*

*The Citizens of Bedford are Grateful  
for your Leadership.*

Moderator Van Loan stated that the only official item on the agenda is Article 6 on the warrant, which is the budget. The other items of business on the warrant including: Article 1, which is the election of Town officers; Article 2, which is a series of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance; Article 3, which is a proposed Charter amendment; Articles 4 & 5, which are two bond issue proposals, one proposed by the Town Council and one by petition, relating to road repairs. All of these will be voted, by ballot, at the town election next Tuesday, March





**Budgetary Town Meeting – Bedford High School  
Wednesday, March 5, 2008**

11<sup>th</sup>, at the Bedford Middle School/ High School gymnasium. This is by ballot. The polls will be open next Tuesday, from 7:00am to 7:00pm. He invited every registered voter to attend. He gave directions: When you come into the Middle School/High School from the driveway from Nashua Road, take a hard right as you're coming up the hill and go all the way to the top where the entrance to the gymnasium is.

Moderator Van Loan stated that he's going down the budget line item by line item. The budget begins on page 71 of the Town Report. He will go down each line item, and read the category and the amount. If anyone wants to discuss a particular line item or to make a motion to that particular line item, that's the time to do it; not after it has passed over. He asked that they keep their discussions or motions appropriate to the item that they are discussing at the time. If anyone wishes to speak, take one of the microphones in the audience. Anyone wishing to speak will be asked to give his or her name and address. Unless specially invited or requested and approved by the Moderator, only registered voters are entitled to speak. If anybody wishes to make a motion to increase or decrease the budget with respect to a particular line item, please do so at the time that they are discussing that line item. Such motions will require a second and then they may speak to their proposal. Voting, unless otherwise requested, will be by a voice vote. If the Moderator is in doubt and can't determine whether the ayes or the nays have it, he may request a standing division. Alternatively, if they don't like the way the Moderator has called the voice vote, they may if they do so immediately after he announces the results, ask for a standing division. Anybody is entitled to do so, but they have to do so in a timely fashion. There is a provision in New Hampshire state law for a secret ballot. If any five voters, in writing, request or demand a secret ballot on any particular issue, they are entitled to have a secret written ballot. Alternatively, if after they go through a voice vote or a standing division, and somebody challenges it, any seven voters may orally request or demand a secret written ballot and they will conduct one. It must be timely done so once that voice vote or standing division vote is announced, if they pass on to other business, the opportunity is lost to have a secret written ballot. Once they have passed on from one item to another and voted on something; when he says voted on something he means all of the little votes that are taken on line items because they are only preliminary, the only vote that counts in the end is the final vote on the budget, either adjusted up or down as any intermediate amendments may have been made or if none have been made on the budget as proposed. If they do take any

intermediate votes where somebody may proposed to increase or decrease the budget, once they've taken that vote, and passed on to other business, the Moderator will not accept any motions for reconsideration. If you wish to make a motion for reconsideration, a) you must have been in the majority on that vote, and b) you must make that motion before they pass on to other business. Regarding motions to close debate, through his entire career as Moderator, if he's erred, he's erred on the side of free debate. He will always respectfully look at and if appropriate will accept a motion to close debate, but if in the Moderator's judgment they haven't had sufficient debate and there appear to be other people that wish to speak, he may not recognize that motion. If he does recognize the motion to close debate, it's a motion that requires a two-thirds vote and if passed, they will proceed thereafter immediately to vote on whatever it is that is before them. He will only accept a motion and a single amendment to that motion; not a motion to amend, and amend, and amend because it gets too confusing.

Moderator Van Loan continued that there were two significant items that they would not vote on that night, but are very important to the town, and those are the two road bond issues that are going to be voted on by secret ballot. In the Moderator's discretion, if some discussion of those road bonds does not come up in the context of the budget, and there are places where they could come up, after they complete the budget, which is the only official business of the evening, if people wanted to have some discussion on those road bond issues, especially since this meeting is being televised, he would permit it before they adjourn because it could be educational to everyone who is going to vote by ballot next Tuesday. This is their meeting and he is the Moderator. He would run the meeting fairly in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. If anyone disagrees with a procedural ruling that the Moderator has made, they are entitled to appeal the ruling of the Moderator. That is made by a motion and it has to be seconded and then it's voted on. If the body overrules the Moderator, that's the ruling and the Moderator's ruling will no longer stand. Subject to any appeal, his ruling on procedural issues is final.

Moderator Van Loan read Article 6 on page 68 of the Town Report:

**Article 6. – Town Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.





**Budgetary Town Meeting – Bedford High School  
Wednesday, March 5, 2008**

General Fund	\$21,353,088
Police Special Detail	421,875
Recreation Day Camp	140,191
Bedford Comm. TV	256,393
Special Revenue Funds	57,500
Sewer Fund	<u>1,409,788</u>

Total Appropriation \$23,638,835

**MOTION was moved and seconded to adopt Article 6.  
(unidentified audience members)**

Moderator Van Loan directed the audience to page 71 of the Town Report. He will be reading the various descriptive items and will be reading the financial amount from the last column, which says 2008 Council Recommended, because those numbers that when added up go into the amount of the total budget that was just moved and seconded. He reminded the audience that if they wished to discuss something to do so as they approach it.

Moderator Van Loan read the 2006 Proposed Appropriations (attached).

Fire Department Operations – Chris Shapley, 46 Pilgrim Drive stated that he was one of 1,200 ambulance runs last year and it cost him over \$1,000. He wanted to know where that was in the budget. He doesn't mind paying for it, in fact Blue Cross did. He wanted to know what proportion of the Fire Department's budget is recovered from the insurance of the users and does the recovery extend not only to the ambulance service, but also to putting out fires. If he has to pay for an ambulance ride, it doesn't seem unreasonable that he should have to pay them to put out a fire at his house. How much of it do they recover and where does it show in the budget.

Councilor Young stated that there is a revenue generated portion from the Fire Department as to ambulance service, which partially offsets the cost. The revenue was \$375,000, so that offsets some of the costs of maintaining the ambulance service for the town. There was an inaudible question from the audience. Councilor Young responded that there's nothing that's in the budget. There was an inaudible question from the audience. Councilor Young responded that it's been said by Councilor Scanlon that it may not be legally possible to assess a person for attending a fire from the Fire Department. The ambulance is a service; it's been budgeted.

Chief Wiggin of the Bedford Fire Department stated that if there are responsible parties for extinguishment of outside fires and other types of malicious activity, they are charged. They also charge for hazardous materials response if there is an outside party that is responsible, so there are other revenues, not just on ambulance billing.

Moderator Van Loan clarified with Chief Wiggin that for a garden variety house fire there is no charge.

Jeanene Procopis, 18 Rumford Lane stated that she doesn't recall whether Mr. Shapley stated if the \$1,000 he was assessed came out of his pocket or whether that was a bill that was sent to his insurance provider. It's her understanding that the company that provides the billing for ambulance services for Bedford residents is to accept the insurance reimbursement as payment and that resident, whatever other balance there is that has been incurred, that is to be forgiven.

Councilor Young stated that to the best of his understanding in his interviews with Chief Wiggin, it is only the insurance portion. They do not assess the individual.

Councilor Scanlon stated that he remembers that. What happens is they bill them for the full amount and if the person contacts them and says they don't have the difference, then they forgive it, but if they send in a check, they do accept it. They just don't collect. If someone gets a bill for \$1,000 and their insurance pays \$600, they call and say they don't have the \$400 to pay the difference, then they will forgive the \$400. They don't do any collections. They accept whatever payment they get. Even if they get \$0 payment, they don't do any collections, they just accept \$0 payment, so that's how it works.

Conservation Commission – Councilor Young stated that he wanted to make a motion for the Conservation Commission to be amended and would like to speak to his motion.

MOTION by Councilor Young to increase the Conservation Commission budgeted appropriations from \$358,035 to \$481,377. Seconded by Councilor Keyes.

Moderator Van Loan stated that a motion had been made to increase the budget in the area of Conservation Commission of \$123,342.



**Budgetary Town Meeting – Bedford High School  
Wednesday, March 5, 2008**

Councilor Young stated that each year the Town includes a budget appropriation for the Conservation Commission for the purchase of conservation land if any becomes available. The amount of the appropriation is offset by Capital Reserve, which will be shown as a revenue line item in the same amount. At the time of budget preparation the estimated Capital Reserve account was \$354,795, thus the budgeted appropriation. After the close of the year, the Trustees of the Trust Funds reported interest earned on the Capital Reserve and the Finance Director reported the amount allocated to the Conservation Commission for the 70% share of Current Use penalties collected on land sales. These reported amounts are \$17,180 interest and \$106,162 on the land purchase respectively. Therefore, these are funds available to the Conservation Commission to purchase land, but only if such funds are included in the budgeted appropriations. This increase has zero impact on the tax rate of the town.

Alan Seidman, Windsong Circle asked if the increase made to the budget had to come from the audience since the Council already worked on the budget.

Moderator Van Loan responded that Council recommendations go into making up the budget that is proposed in the warrant, which is actually adopted and posted a month or more before this meeting. Once they get to the meeting, anybody who is a qualified voter whether he or she is a public official or a voting member of the audience can make a motion.

Moderator Van Loan called for a vote to increase the budget in the area of the Conservation Commission by the amount of \$123,342.

Vote taken – Motion is carried.

Moderator Van Loan stated that the budget as proposed and as amended is \$23,762,177.

Vote taken – Motion is carried.

That ended the official business of the evening.

Moderator Van Loan opened the floor for any discussion and asked if anyone wanted to discuss the two road bond issues.

David Sacks, 48 Colonel Daniels Drive asked about potential State reimbursement for the Nashua Road/Route 101 project and where they are with any conversations

with the State for reimbursement. Russ Marcoux, Town Manager responded.

Mr. Sacks asked if there was anything in the legislation that was put on the books by former representative Scanlon, that allows any of that money to be used for that project or that legislation to be used for that project if at any point in time that Route 101 project does get back on to the State's 10 or 15 year plan. Councilor Scanlon responded.

John Graham, 8 Ministerial Circle clarified what the Town Manager said regarding the amendment.

Susan Tufts Moore, 27 Bedford Center Road thanked the Council for the replacement windows at Town Hall and that they were able to use the existing windows.

Jolene Worden, Birchwood Circle commented about the work proposed at Nashua Road and Route 101 and urged the voters to vote yes for the \$8 million dollar road bond.

Chris Shapley, 46 Pilgrim Drive wanted to know if is there was any comeback against the original builders if in fact they didn't build them properly and have now failed before they should have. Councilor Scanlon responded.

Mac McMahan, 11 Suzanne wanted to know if the town paid for modifications on Route 101 if they would be paying for it twice. Councilor Scanlon responded.

Joleen Worden, Birchwood Circle wanted the town see if there is some better way to rebuild our roads. She doesn't mind spending money on road repairs if she knew they were going to work and they wouldn't have to go back three years later and do it all over again. Councilor Scanlon responded.

Moderator Van Loan stated that he assumes when the voters go to the polls they will vote for none, one, or the other, but not for both. Councilor Scanlon stated that they could vote for both and it's important to realize that even though the Council has the authority, that authority lasts forever. Once you exercise that authority, you have three years to spend that money.

Jonathan Zdziarski, West Drive stated that there is room for improvement and wanted to know if there was something that the town could do as far as research to bring the town up to national standards. Councilor Scanlon responded.



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Roy Stewart, 19 Hickory Lane urged the voters to support the \$8 million dollar road bond. Councilor Scanlon responded.

Councilor Roy thanked Bill Van Anglen for his years-of service on the Council.

MOTION moved and seconded to adjourn. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Submitted by Dawn Boufford

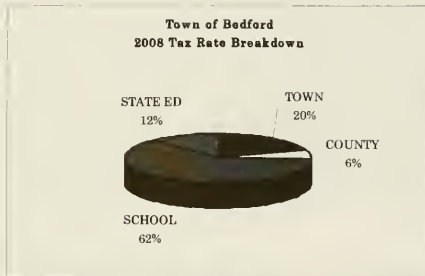
\*A videotape of this meeting is on file.



## 2008 TOWN POPULATION AND TAX RATE INFORMATION

POPULATION – 22,202 (trended based on 2000 census)  
2008 ASSESSED VALUATION: \$3,330,457,344

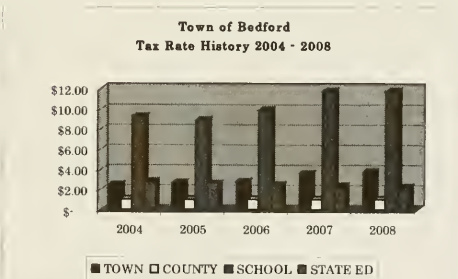
TOWN .....	\$3.81
COUNTY .....	\$1.09
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX .....	\$11.78
STATE EDUCATION TAX .....	\$2.27
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE .....	<u>\$18.95</u>



### Percent Increase/(Decrease) Over 2006 Tax Rate

TOWN .....	3.8%
COUNTY .....	(0.9%)
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX .....	(0.2%)
STATE EDUCATION TAX .....	(6.2%)

COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE ..... (0.2%)



## RESULTS ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 11, 2008

### ARTICLE 1: To Elect Necessary Town Officers

#### FOR TOWN COUNCIL

For THREE Years

CHRISTOPHER BANDAZIAN	1721
"BILL" DERMODY	2093
JONATHAN A. ZDZIARSKI	895

#### FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For THREE Years

ANTHONY "TONY" FREDERICK	2869
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#### FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

For SIX Years

JOAN MCMAHAN	2797
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For THREE Years

BENITA DIAMOND	2699
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#### FOR TOWN CLERK

For THREE Years

BRENDA BERNARD	418
LYNN M. CORNELL	345
"LORI" RADKE	1113
PAUL F. ROY, SR.	942
ANNNE SCANLON	278
ELAINE TEFFT	284

#### FOR TOWN MODERATOR

For TWO Years

RYK BULLOCK	1886
BRIAN SHAUGHNESSY	1518

#### FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

For THREE Years

DANIEL J. BARNES	2793
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### ARTICLE 2: PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

Amendment No. 1 – Passed





Amendment No. 2 – Passed  
 Amendment No. 3 – Passed  
 Amendment No. 4 – Passed  
 Amendment No. 5 – Passed  
 Amendment No. 6 – Passed  
 Amendment No. 7 – Passed  
 Amendment No. 8 – Passed

**ARTICLE 3: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**  
 Passed

**ARTICLE 4: ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT FOR  
 RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS**  
 Did Not Pass

**ARTICLE 5: SUBMITTED BY CITIZEN PETITION  
 ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT FOR  
 RECONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS**  
 Did Not Pass

For Full Text of all Zoning Amendments and Articles see  
 the 2008 Municipal Warrant printed in the Town's 2007  
 Annual Report beginning on page 65.

## **TOWN COUNCIL**



Mike Izbicki, Chairman

As Chairman of the 2008-2009 Bedford Town Council, I would like to begin by thanking the members of the Council for their assistance and support this past year. Every member of the Council devotes much time and commitment to the position, and has to make many decisions in that post. 2008 was a year of change in Bedford. In March, as we said farewell to two Council members: Kevin Keyes who chose not to seek re-election, and Bill Jean who had been unanimously appointed by the Council to fill the seat of Bill Van Anglen after his resignation, in July 2007. In March, we welcomed two new Town Councilors, Bill Dermody and Chris Bandazian.

This past year saw numerous appointments to the Boards and Commissions thanks to the many volunteers who applied for the open positions. This was also the first year of the new appointment process adopted by the Council that proved to work well. The selection process was made

difficult by the number and quality of the applicants. We had more applicants than open positions and were able to fill every vacancy. I hope those who were not appointed last year will apply again this year for the several newly open positions.

In September 2008 the Bedford Town Council sponsored an Economic Development Roundtable at Bedford Ross Lurgio Middle School. There were over 60 attendees. Guest speakers included Governor John Lynch, NH DOT Commissioner George Campbell, Christopher Way the Business Services Manager for NH DRED, David Preece the Executive Director for the Southern NH Planning Commission, and Assistant Director Brian O'Neil of the Manchester Boston Regional Airport. The facilitator for the Roundtable was Stephen A. Heavener, CRDC. The Roundtable was such a huge success that the Town Council established Bedford's Economic Development Commission (BEDC), and appointed several business and community leaders to the Commission. The BEDC was established as a one year "sunset committee" charged with developing a plan that will preserve existing jobs and businesses, and welcome new businesses while maintaining Bedford's unique characteristics and quality of life. We thank the members for their time and effort and wish them success. We welcome all residents to attend the monthly meetings at the BCTV studios.

There are two things that are most visible in town: road improvement work and winter road maintenance. The voters of Bedford have thus far approved \$20 million for road reconstruction. In 2008, we spent the last remaining \$4 million of the previously approved road bonds, on North Amherst, Hardy and Jenkins Roads. In 2008 two road bonds were presented to the voters, an \$8 million bond supported by the Town Council and a \$12 million bond submitted through a citizen's petition. Both bonds failed to gain the 2/3rds majority approval of the voters and failed. Failure of these two bonds has put a temporary stop to the progress the town has made to date on rehabilitating our existing roads and infrastructure. In order to assure the taxpayers that the Bedford Road Program is providing the best return on our investments, the Town Council hired an independent consultant to evaluate the operations and procedures associated with the deployment and execution of our existing roads program. The report concluded that our roads program is effective, follows established policies and procedures and the Town should continue forward with the program as envisioned. In 2009 we will be readdressing our program for future funding.

The next most visible area is winter road maintenance, also known as snow removal! Last winter put a strain on our budget and the 2008/2009 winter is shaping up to be the same as the 2007/2008 winter in regards to the



number of storms, snowfall amounts and the impacts to our road infrastructure. I want to take a moment to thank all of our highway crews on behalf of the Council for an excellent job of keeping our roads clear of snow and ice.

This year the Town Council and the School Board agreed to establish a Fiscal Communications Committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide financial overview of potential budgets based on anticipated expenditure plans of the School Board and Town Council prior to budgeting sessions. There are six members on this committee; two each from the Town Council and School Board, the Superintendent of Schools and the Town Manager, and the financial managers from both the Town and the school district. Members meet three or four times per year normally before budget hearings. Taxpayers of Bedford will benefit by having this committee. There is now more formal coordination and cooperation between the boards to provide better understanding during the budgeting process. This committee allows each board to understand any financial impacts or items that might be requested by the other board. This committee met twice last year and it allowed the Town Council to understand what potential tax impacts the School Board was considering and vice versa. This new approach has enabled the Town Council to carefully decide which projects should be proposed for funding in 2009 or deferred to a later year. Also during this past year the Town Council Chair and Vice Chair met with the School Board Chair and Vice Chair on a monthly basis in the spirit of cooperation to discuss common issues such as Nashua Road/Route 101, field usage, and how each board could help resolve or support Town issues. I would like to thank David Sacks, Terry Wolf and Bob Young for attending these early morning meetings.

The new Hannaford supermarket opened in December 2008 on the corner of Route 101 and Jenkins Road. They are a welcomed addition to the town and we wish them success.

The Council would like to thank all of the election officials and the individuals who helped make the four 2008 elections a huge success; the January Presidential Primary, March Town Meeting, State Primary in September and the National Election in November. The year 2008 was the first year elections were held at the new Bedford High School gym. Previously, elections were held at the McKelvie School gym. This past year Bedford was one of the first NH towns to host a Red Cross blood drive and a bone marrow drive simultaneously, during each election. The Red Cross reported that the citizens of Bedford volunteered to give blood and participate in the bone marrow drive in record numbers. The number of pints of blood and bone marrow donors far exceeded the Red Cross estimates. Thank

you for taking the time to donate such a precious gift. The 2008 elections also brought back a sense of community to the Town. Each election had numerous civic and community groups set up at tables as voters exited the voting area, the Animal Rescue League, older adults, and the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill just to name a few, to share information to interested residents.

The Bedford Village Common is starting to take shape with the installation of the fence and sign along Route 101. With some help from volunteers and fund raising efforts we should start to see a park taking shape in the near future. I would like to thank the members of the Bedford Village Common Committee for their dedication, persistence and diligence in completing the design and permitting phases of phase 1 of the Common. Phase 1 of the Common design was approved by the Town Council last year after the committee successfully completed the design and permitting process.

Probably the most notable event in 2008 was the December ice storm. The damage caused by this storm was unprecedented. At one point during the storm there were over 400,000 NH electric customers without power for at least a week. Some customers were without power for up to two weeks and longer. The damage to the electric grid was catastrophic, which is why repairs took so long to complete. Electric crews from as far away as the Midwest were brought in to help repair the system. Fuses, transformers, poles, insulators, etc were consumed at a record pace. We did make it through and learned a lot of valuable lessons so we will be better prepared for the next storm; which we hope never happens. On behalf of the Town Council I would like to thank all the Town departments and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel for their herculean efforts, professionalism and the personal sacrifices each made during the ice storm to ensure that the residents of Bedford were looked after and supported.

Like every year, your Town Council was occupied with many agenda activities and policy items. I have enjoyed this past year as the Chairman of the Town Council, and would like to thank my fellow Councilors for their support and patience as we worked through the year addressing the current and future needs of our community. I would also like to thank our Town Manager, as well as the Department Managers and employees for their hard work and dedication to making Bedford a better place to live, work, enjoy recreation and raise a family safely and securely.

Our focus continues to be making the Town of Bedford a safe and desirable community in which to live work and raise a family.



## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



Russell R. Marcoux, *Town Manager*  
(with Executive Assistant Dawn Boufford)

I have just completed my second year as your Town Manager. 2008 was a very busy year for the Town of Bedford. I will attempt to highlight many of the projects and endeavors taken on by our staff during the year. On the personnel front, we saw the retirement of our Town Clerk Wanda Jenkins after many years of excellent service to Bedford. Lori Radke was elected Town Clerk in March, and has been a part of our daily organization. Long time Town Moderator Eugene Van Loan III retired after 30 years, with Ryk Bullock being elected as the new Town Moderator.

I would first like to start off with *congratulations* to various staff members for being the recipients of awards during the year: Our Town and Crystal Dionne, our Finance Director were recognized by the GFOA organization with a "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2007; this is the fourth consecutive year. Our Fire Chief, Scott Wiggin earned the credentials of "Chief Fire Officer" by the national Center for Public Safety's Commission on Professional Credentialing. Captain Mark Klose also earned the credentials of "Chief Medical Officer" from the same organization. In addition, Captain Klose was also promoted to Deputy Fire Chief. Congratulations also go out to our Assessor, Bill Ingalls who was awarded the Laughton B. Chandler Assessing Award of Excellence by the NH Assessing Association. Our BCTV Station and staff received 8 awards from the "Alliance for Community Media – NE Region: One first place, 3 second and 4 third places for community programming. Last year, Allen Swiadras, John Mathieu and Emile Lacerte were awarded with the "Senior Roads Scholar" designation from UNH's Technology Transfer Center. All these awards speak volumes to the dedication &

commitment of our employees. Many other employees were recertified in their respective fields.

Our second Budget was completed on schedule and reviewed by the Town Council. It is currently in the final hearing stage before the Budgetary Town Meeting on March 4, 2009. A copy of our entire Budget message can be seen on our WEB page. As it currently is amended, the Council's actions result in an increase of 1.89% in the "town" rate or \$.07 per thousand.

2008 was also the year for renegotiating our three labor contracts. Our Public Works contract was approved in May, 2008. We completed negotiations with our Police unit in December, and that contract was approved at the January 14, 2009 Council meeting. We have also just completed the Fire negotiations, and that contract is expected to be approved by the Council in early February, 2009. Many thanks go out to our management representatives at the table, as well as the labor representatives that represent our workforce. All negotiations went very well, which speaks volumes of the character of our employees and those at the bargaining table.

We have done a number of cable programs for the benefit of our residents: a joint budget presentation with the School Superintendent on the 2008 budget, two Town Manager updates on activities in the Town, a program on the \$12m bond issue that was on the ballot in March, 2008, a program on Single Stream Recycling and an educational program at our NH State House with the assistance of Senator Roberge and Representative Graham. We intend to continue those informative programs in 2009, with upcoming programs on the 2009 Budget, proposed Road Bond, Economic Development initiatives and possibly a few more educational programs.

Along those same lines, this year saw the completion of the renovation and updating of our main public meeting room at BCTV, funded exclusively with franchise fee revenue. The focal point is the Town Seal as well as the ability of our Council and other Boards to have greater use of technology during their meetings. We are all pleased with the result. Also this year, our BCTV group introduced the ability of video-streaming and video on demand, where residents can watch live and taped board meetings on computers, whether at home or away, along with other equipment upgrades.

Our Town Council Chair mentioned the formation of the Bedford Economic Development Commission in his report. This Commission was a result of the well attended Economic Development Roundtable held in September. It is encouraging to see many of our residents and business leaders stepping up to assist the Town in





developing its future. On that same front, the Town has begun the process of updating its Master Plan for 2010, again with a core group of civic volunteers to assist in its development. In late December, the Workforce Housing Legislation was developed to meet the state law requirement which takes affect in July of 2009. That Ordinance will be on the March, 2009 ballot, and this again was assisted by a group of civic minded volunteers in addition to our Planning staff.

Among the biggest projects completed this year was the property Revaluation, which is done every five years, as provided by state statute. Thanks to our Assessing staff for conducting this project in a very professional way, which resulted in less than 5% hearing requests.

We have been fortunate this year as well to have secured many one-time and repetitive grants, primarily in Police and Fire, which enhance our ability to perform services to residents of our community. Other grants were also received in the Planning and Public Works Departments.

As our Chair has mentioned there have been many joint projects and meetings with members of the School Board along with the formation of the Fiscal Communications Committee on which both the Manager and Superintendent serve, along with the respective Finance Directors.

One final note, I would like to echo the comments of our Council Chair relative to the December ice storm. We are very proud of the work of our Emergency Operations Center staff and all the employees of Fire, Police and Public Works during this storm and its aftermath. Again this year, they are dealing with another winter that is proving to be as challenging as last year.

Overall, this has been an exciting year and at the same time, a year of many challenges. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Bedford as your Town Manager. Our Department Managers and all our employees strive to provide a positive experience for the citizens of Bedford when they come in contact with Bedford's town government, whether it be Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Assessing, Vehicle Registration or the many other departments that make up our Town government. I am impressed with our employees' willingness to deliver services and work as a team to complete those goals. In addition, we would not have been able to accomplish what we did this year without the support and encouragement of our Town Council. We thank them as well for their support.

Please take a moment to surf our WEB page, [www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org). If you have any suggestions on how we can improve your town government please feel free to

contact me by phone or e-mail at [marcoux@ci.bedford.nh.us](mailto:marcoux@ci.bedford.nh.us). Also, if you have the desire to serve your community, please feel free to contact our office with your areas of interest. Good government is made up of interested and involved citizens, and there are a myriad of boards, committees and commissions that welcome new ideas.

## **FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND TAX COLLECTION DEPARTMENTS**

Crystal A. Dionne, CPA - Director

### ***OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR***

During 2008, the Town portion of the tax rate increased \$0.14, or 3.8% from \$3.67 to \$3.81 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The increase in the tax rate is due to the following factors: full year funding of police staffing added during the 2007 budget; 6 months of funding for 3 new positions within the police department; funding of the 53<sup>rd</sup> week payroll which occurred in 2008; and other general inflationary increases.

It is important to note that the property tax rate consists of four individual tax rates; town, county, school and state education. For any given year, the Department of Revenue Administration finalizes this rate in September or October. Therefore, the first half tax bill represents an estimate of your tax liability. Once the rate is set, the second half tax bill is adjusted to reflect this change in rate. It is also important to note that property taxes are due each July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Payments received subsequent to these dates are subject to statutory interest charges of 12% APR on delinquencies and 18% APR on liens.

The Tax Collector's office is also responsible for all motor vehicle registrations. We are continuing with our online renewal process as a convenience to our residents. Motor vehicle registrations can be renewed online by visiting the town's website and clicking the ***E-Reg license plate***. Not only can residents complete straight renewals online, but they can also receive instant quotes for motor vehicle state and town fees. The office will be exploring new convenience tools such as acceptance of credit/debit card payments and citizen self service whereby information on billing and payments can be obtained online.

For further information regarding tax collections and/or motor vehicle registrations, including frequently asked questions, please visit the Tax Collector/MV Reg page, listed under Town Offices on our website, [www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org)





## FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

The Finance Department prepared its fourth Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) during 2008 for the 2007 calendar year. This report combines the Town's audited financial statements with a complete management analysis of the Town's financial health as well as various statistical tables, which provide ten years of valuable information. This report continues to meet the strict reporting standards of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and as such has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for each year of compilation, 2004 through 2007. We intend to continue the program and submit our 2008 CAFR once complete.

The staff in both the Finance and Tax Collection offices is remarkable. They continue to process a growing workload with the efficiency and accuracy that is rarely seen with such few employees. I am quite proud of each of them for their commitment and dedication to their jobs and ultimately to the Town.

The following schedules are preliminary based upon the information available at the time of report printing. Final schedules may be obtained in the Town's CAFR once our financial audit is complete in the spring of 2009.

### Year End Budget Report - Unaudited

#### 2008 Appropriations Budgeted

Town General Fund	\$21,476,430
Other Governments:	
Direct – Local School	46,720,817
Overlapping – County	3,662,543

#### 2008 Appropriations Expended:

Town General Fund	\$19,855,996
Other Governments:	
Direct – Local School	46,720,817
Overlapping – County	3,662,543

#### 2008 Revenues Budgeted:

Town General Fund	\$21,476,430
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#### 2008 Revenues Collected:

Town General Fund	\$20,087,708
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### Escrow Accounts Various Depositors

Balance January 1, 2008	\$1,787,906
Receipts	244,187
Disbursements	(92,468)
Interest Earned	13,241
<b>Balance December 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$1,952,866</b>

## Tax Collector's Report - Unaudited Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	2008	2007
<b>Uncollected Taxes, January 1, 2008:</b>		
Property Taxes	-	1,860,158
Current Use	-	15,000
Yield Taxes	-	6
Sewer Rents	-	202,876
<b>Taxes Committed, Fiscal Year 2008:</b>		
Property Taxes	62,382,883	-
Current Use	31,100	-
Yield Taxes	-	-
Sewer Rents	694,162	-
Overpayments:	115,194	-
Interest on		
Delinquent Taxes:	163,212	-
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$63,386,551</b>	<b>\$2,078,040</b>

### Collections During Fiscal Year 2008:

Property Taxes	60,106,451	1,391,506
Current Use	16,100	15,000
Yield Taxes	-	-
Sewer Rents	453,935	202,876
Interest	163,212	-
Liens Executed	-	455,289
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	29,081	13,363
Sewer	-	-

### Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 2008:

Property Taxes	2,362,545	-
Current Use	15,000	-
Yield Taxes	-	6
Sewer Rents	240,227	-
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$63,386,551</b>	<b>\$2,078,040</b>

### Summary of Tax Lien Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	2007	2006	2005	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
January 1, 2008		130,653	36,569	169
Liens Executed				
In 2008	455,289			
Collections During				
Fiscal Year 2008	264,890	85,319	35,874	169
Unredeemed Liens				
December 31, 2008	190,399	45,334	695	-



STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT 12/31/08

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
<b>1999 Landfill Closure Bond</b>			
2009	100,000	49,280	149,280
2010	100,000	44,800	144,800
2011	100,000	40,320	140,320
2012	100,000	35,840	135,840
2013	100,000	31,360	131,360
2014	100,000	26,880	126,880
2015	100,000	22,400	122,400
2016	100,000	17,920	117,920
2017	100,000	13,440	113,440
2018	100,000	8,960	108,960
2019	100,000	4,480	104,480
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>	<b>\$ 295,680</b>	<b>\$ 1,395,680</b>
<b>2003 Road Reconstruction Bond</b>			
2009	800,000	113,000	913,000
2010	800,000	90,000	890,000
2011	800,000	65,000	865,000
2012	800,000	39,000	839,000
2013	800,000	13,000	813,000
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 320,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,320,000</b>
<b>2005 Road Reconstruction Bond (issued 2006)</b>			
2009	1,200,000	381,000	1,581,000
2010	1,200,000	336,000	1,536,000
2011	1,200,000	288,000	1,488,000
2012	1,200,000	240,000	1,440,000
2013	1,200,000	192,000	1,392,000
2014	1,200,000	144,000	1,344,000
2015	1,200,000	96,000	1,296,000
2016	1,200,000	48,000	1,248,000
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>9,600,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,725,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,325,000</b>
<b>Grand Total Bonded Debt:</b>			
<b>\$</b>	<b>17,580,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,668,382</b>	<b>\$ 20,248,382</b>

1992 Sewer Bonds (1998 refinance)

2009	155,000	31,212	186,212
2010	165,000	24,238	189,238
2011	170,000	16,606	186,606
2012	175,000	8,531	183,531
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>665,000</b>	<b>\$ 80,587</b>	<b>\$ 745,587</b>

1994 Public Safety Complex Bonds (2004 refinance)

2009	105,000	17,406	122,406
2010	105,000	14,781	119,781
2011	100,000	11,894	111,894
2012	100,000	8,894	108,894
2013	95,000	5,894	100,894
2014	90,000	2,925	92,925
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>595,000</b>	<b>\$ 61,794</b>	<b>\$ 656,794</b>

1995 Library Bond (2004 refinance)

2009	125,000	28,988	153,988
2010	120,000	25,150	145,150
2011	120,000	21,700	141,700
2012	115,000	18,031	133,031
2013	115,000	14,150	129,150
2014	115,000	10,125	125,125
2015	110,000	6,119	116,119
2016	110,000	2,063	112,063
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>930,000</b>	<b>\$ 126,326</b>	<b>\$ 1,056,326</b>

2001 Joppa Hill Land Purchase

2009	230,000	29,210	259,210
2010	230,000	19,780	249,780
2011	230,000	10,005	240,005
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>690,000</b>	<b>\$ 58,995</b>	<b>\$ 748,995</b>



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Town Council  
Town of Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary

*Additional Offices:*

7 Andover, MA Manchester, NH Greenfield, MA Elsworth, ME



information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The introductory section, supplementary statements and schedules, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

*Melanson, Heath + Company P.C.*

Nashua, New Hampshire  
June 9, 2008





**TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2007**

	General	Road Reconstruction Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 27,841,515	\$ 6,902,906	\$ 3,547,888	\$ 38,292,309
Receivables:				
Property taxes, net	1,950,145	-	-	1,950,145
Departmental and other	301,880	-	515	302,395
Intergovernmental	4,991	-	-	4,991
Due from other funds	911	1,200	106,162	108,273
Prepaid items	214,835	-	-	214,835
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 30,314,277</b>	<b>\$ 6,904,106</b>	<b>\$ 3,654,565</b>	<b>\$ 40,872,948</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 679,391	\$ 328,832	\$ -	\$ 1,008,223
Accrued liabilities	233,956	-	-	233,956
Retainage payable	14,864	507,534	-	522,398
Deferred revenues	193,878	-	-	193,878
Tax refunds liability	58,775	-	-	58,775
Due to other funds	107,362	-	911	108,273
Due to other governments	21,601,714	-	-	21,601,714
Other liabilities	-	-	69	69
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>22,889,940</b>	<b>836,366</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>23,727,286</b>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	1,052,167	1,773,282	-	2,825,449
Prepaid items	214,835	-	-	214,835
Other purposes	1,370,773	-	-	1,370,773
Perpetual permanent funds	-	-	25,255	25,255
Unreserved:				
Undesignated, reported in:				
General fund	4,786,562	-	-	4,786,562
Special revenue funds	-	-	3,627,087	3,627,087
Capital project funds	-	4,294,458	-	4,294,458
Permanent funds	-	-	1,243	1,243
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>7,424,337</b>	<b>6,067,740</b>	<b>3,653,585</b>	<b>17,145,662</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 30,314,277</b>	<b>\$ 6,904,106</b>	<b>\$ 3,654,565</b>	<b>\$ 40,872,948</b>



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December 31, 2007

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President

Executive Director



## **PLANNING BOARD**

Jon Levenstein, Chairman

This past year proved to be unprecedented in terms of the extremely limited residential growth with only 3 new lots being created. The final phase of Greenfield Farms was approved in July which included the development of 22 lots however legal action has kept the project from moving forward. The 61 lot Preserve subdivision off of Pulpit Road spent much of 2008 working on final engineering and obtaining State permits and may seek final approval in 2009.

Commercial applications also declined in 2008 with only 28,500 square feet of new space being approved over five projects. Highlights include Bedford's first fast-food restaurant and a retail building on South River Road and a bank on Route 101. 2008 saw the completion of four significant commercial developments; the Hannaford at Route 101 and Jenkins Road, the Country Inn & Suites and CVS on South River Road and Bentley Assisted Living on Hawthorne Drive

The Planning Board had a total of 60 agenda items in 2008 including 9 conceptual reviews which contained plans for the development of over 680,000 square feet of new commercial space. Several projects are likely to submit for final review in 2009 including a redevelopment of Macy's, a redevelopment of CR Sparks into an automobile dealership, a mixed use development at the intersection of Old Bedford Road and Route 101 and an office building along South River Road. The Workout Club & Wellness Center was granted an extension of time to begin construction.

The Board spent several meetings discussing a new state law which requires all municipalities to provide a reasonable opportunity for the development of workforce housing. The Board applied for and received a grant from the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority which provided for the hiring of a consultant and the information necessary for the Board to craft a solution that it believes is appropriate for Bedford. The Board also initiated the 2010 Master Plan update by hiring Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. of Bedford and Cambridge after a lengthy request for proposal and interview process. The Master Plan update will be developed during 2009 with an expected adoption in the first half of 2010.

The Board would like to thank Neil Casale who stepped down in 2008 for his years of service to the Board and the Town. Neil's position was filled by promoting Erik Anderson from an alternate to a full member. The Board welcomed Tom Gordon as a new alternate member. Jon

Levenstein took over as Chairman from Paul Goldberg in November when Paul went on a sabbatical.

Statistics for 2008:

- 5 Site Plans = 28,489 square feet of new commercial/industrial space
- 3 Change of Use Site Plans
- 6 Subdivision Plans = 25 new residential lots (3 recorded)
- 5 Lot Line Adjustment Plans
- 6 Home Occupation Permits
- 9 Conceptual reviews
- 26 Miscellaneous Items – minor plans, waivers, time extensions, comprehensive plans, design reviews, discussions, continued items and reports.

Major developments reviewed or approved included:

- Unnamed Fast Food & Retail – Final approval for 14,829 square feet on South River Road
- Granite Place – Final approval of a 8,950 square foot showroom addition
- Unnamed Bank – Final approval of 2,400 square feet at Route 101 & Nashua Road
- Greenfield Farms – Final approval of Phase 10 – 22 lots and town recreation fields
- Macy's Redevelopment – Design review for the addition of 138,000 square feet
- Hawthorne-Bedford – Design review for 160 elderly housing units, 84 assisted living units & 75,000 SF of commercial space at the intersection of Old Bedford Road and Route 101
- Holiday Retirement – Design review for a 97-unit congregate care facility on Meetinghouse Road
- Unnamed Retail – Concept for 15,000 square feet South River Road & Colby Court
- Leed Development – Concept for 98-units of workforce housing and 26,000 square feet of commercial space on South River Road
- Leed Development – Concept for a 7-story, 174 room hotel and 30,000 square foot conference center on South River Road
- Astoria Properties – Concept for a 40,000 square foot office building and hotel on South River Road at Sunset Lane
- Lexus – Concept for replacement of CR Sparks with an 82,600 square foot automobile dealership





## **PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

Rick Sawyer, AICP, Director

The Department spent much of 2008 on new state laws, preparing for the Master Plan update and economic development. The Department played a critical role in assisting the Town Manager and Town Council with the holding of an Economic Development Roundtable in September. The Staff helped to synthesize the results of the Roundtable into a proposal for the formation of the Bedford Economic Development Commission to which the Planning Director has been appointed as a member. The Department spent a significant amount of time analyzing and understanding what the impacts of a new State law regarding workforce housing would be on Bedford. The staff has been working with the Planning Board and it's consultant to develop a workforce housing zoning amendment that would make the Town compliant with the law. The staff also worked with the Planning Board to hire a consultant for the development of the 2010 Master Plan Update.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Planning staff for their dedication and support; together they were responsible for assisting our four major land use boards with 57 public meetings and 214 agenda items this year. I would also like to thank the members of the Boards and Commissions who dedicate their time to making Bedford a great place to live and work.

### **Development Trends**

Several projects were successfully completed in 2008 including CVS, Hannaford, Country Inn & Suites and Bentley Commons. New commercial and residential applications to the Planning Board fell significantly in 2008. The decline in residential development is mostly attributed to the world wide economic recession and financial lending crisis as well as the limited supply of available land in Bedford. In 2008 the Department worked with several potential developments that if constructed will provide over 680,000 square feet of commercial space. The staff worked very closely all year with plans for the redevelopment of Macy's and the Wayfarer Inn site as well as a proposed mixed use project at the corner of Route 101 and Old Bedford Road. Both projects are expected to seek final approval in 2009.

### **Transportation Planning**

2008 saw the construction of the Hardy/Jenkins Road and Route 101 signalized intersection in time for the opening of the new Hannaford supermarket in December. The State will return in the spring of 2009 to complete final paving and landscaping of the intersection. The State continued construction of the Airport Access Roadway which can be seen around the toll plaza area of the F.E.

Everett Turnpike. The State held one informational meeting on the plans for reconstruction of the Route 3 bridge over the F.E. Everett Turnpike which may start construction as soon as 2011. The Planning Staff has been working with Southern NH Planning Commission and the State's Rail Authority on its plan to extend passenger rail from Lowell to Manchester. Bedford has been identified as a possible location of a multi-model center that would service the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport and the various bus networks.

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

James O'Neil, Chairman

The Zoning Board of Adjustment conducts hearings on applications for relief from land use regulations. The most common types of applications concern requests for:

- 1) Variance from use or dimensional requirements;
- 2) Special Exceptions;
- 3) Equitable Waiver from dimensional requirements; and
- 4) Appeal from decisions of Administrative Officials.

Where there are unique or extenuating circumstances, the Board of Adjustment provides an avenue for relief from restrictions and for local resolution of land use issues. The Board of Adjustment can grant an application if the legal requirements for relief are met. However, the Board of Adjustment cannot grant relief if it would be the equivalent of rezoning or amending a zoning ordinance. After hearing evidence for or against an application, the Board of Adjustment deliberates and votes on all requests in public session.

In 2008, the Board of Adjustment heard 39 applications for variances, 1 application for special exception and 6 administrative appeals. The majority of the applications filed in 2008 were variance applications for relief from lot line, wetland setback requirements or signs and Administrative appeals. The distribution of applications is reflective of the maturing status of development in Bedford. Of the applications decided in 2008, 36 were approved or approved in part, 8 were denied or denied in part and 2 were dismissed or withdrawn. Over the course of 2008 the Board of Adjustment had several vacancies which were filled during the course of the year. During late December the Board did have one member resign due to a conflicting job schedule. The Board is currently short one member.

Members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Town Council. The Board of Adjustment is comprised of 5 regular members, one of whom also is a member of the Town Council, and 3 alternate members, one of whom





also is a member of the Town Council. Karin Elmer, a member of the Planning Department, attends all ZBA meetings and provides information to the Board.

Applications to request a hearing and the meeting schedule of the Board of Adjustment (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month) are available at the Town Offices and also are available online at the Town website, [www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org). Completed applications are due no later than 14 days prior to the desired hearing date. The Zoning Administrator handles all public inquiries regarding zoning questions and assists individuals with application procedures.

### **SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING**

David Preece, AICP, SNHPC Exec. Director

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Planning Board and/or Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were that were performed for the Town of Bedford during the past year are as follows:

- 1) Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series, which was attended by Bedford officials;
- 2) Conducted traffic counts at 37 locations in the Town of Bedford and forwarded data to the Town's Planning Director;
- 3) Hosted a special Planning Board Training on April 22, 2008 for new Planning Board members, focusing on planning board procedures, responsibilities, and planning law;
- 4) Attended and gave a presentation at the Bedford Economic Development forum;
- 5) Co-sponsored, along with St. Anselm College, a public forum on Commuter Rail with former Governor Michael Dukakis as a presenter;
- 6) Coordinated Flexible Road Design Standards, Porous Pavement and Cement, and Amendments to Shoreland Protection Act for SNHPC Planners' Roundtable meetings, which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 7) Attended and assisted Bedford Planning officials on their Workforce Housing Initiative;
- 8) Sponsored region-wide Water Supply Task Force meetings held on March 7, 2008 and November 21, 2008 on the proposed Merrimack River Basin, which impacts Bedford;
- 9) Facilitated Brownfield's Advisory Committee meetings held on February 12, 2008, April 23, 2008, June 18, 2008, and September 18, 2008, which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 10) Prepared and distributed Open Space Assessment of the Town's policies and regulations to the Bedford Planning Board as part of the CTAP project;
- 11) Hosted a Legislation Open House in Concord for Bedford Legislators on February 5, 2008;
- 12) Participated in regional economic development discussions with the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce regarding Metro Center, which was attended by Bedford officials;
- 13) Submitted proposal for Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan Update;
- 14) Conducted Traffic Speed Study related to Bedford High School in response to a request from the Bedford Police Department;
- 15) Reviewed plans for proposed roadway improvements at the NH Route 101/Nashua Road intersection;
- 16) Participated in the review of a potential commuter rail station site by obtaining a State Planning and Research Grant and preparing a grant application for the Community-Wide Brownfield's Assessment Program;
- 17) Participated in the development of the methodology for a traffic impact study for a proposed development on South River Road;
- 18) Sponsored two planning Forums: Recent Workforce Legislation on October 8, 2008 and Community Energy initiatives on November 6, 2009;
- 19) Sponsored two meetings with Town Administrators, Public Works Directors, and Road Agents, to discuss the feasibility of establishing purchasing cooperatives;
- 20) Coordinated topic discussion on Workforce Housing and Conservation; Porous Pavement and Concrete; Amendments to Shoreland Protection Act; Small Energy Systems; Workforce Housing Legislation; and Innovated Land Use Planning Techniques for SNHPC Planners' Roundtable meetings which, were attended by Auburn officials;



- 21) Sponsored region-wide Water Supply Task Force meetings held on March 7, 2008 and November 21, 2008 on the proposed Merrimack River Basin, which would impact Bedford;
- 22) Sponsored and coordinated the Conservation Commission Institutes including topics on Sustainable and Integrated Landscaping and Innovated Landscaping Techniques held on February 21, 2008, Regional Conservation Commissions projects held on April 17, 2008, and Merrimack River Watershed Restoration Plan held on July 30, 2008, which were attended by Bedford officials; and
- 23) Sponsored and coordinated the Natural Resources Advisory Committee including CTAP Open Space Planning Assessments on October 29, 2008.

Bedford's Representatives to the Commission  
 David J. Danielson  
 Michael Izbicki  
 Karen McGinley  
 Edward P. Moran, Jr., Alternate  
 Harold Newberry, Alternate  
 William Duschatko, Alternate  
 Executive Committee Member  
 David J. Danielson

### **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

Doris Peck Spurway, Secretary

The Board of Trustees, Ralph Dieter; Chairman; Howard Frizzell and John Wood, Trustees, held ten regularly scheduled meetings during 2008.

Sales of lots included six lot parcels of which two were one-place lots; two were two-place lots, and two were four-place lots, totaling \$7,200.00. Total burials were twenty-seven; cremation burials totaling sixteen and full burials totaling eleven. We had one death in late December who will be buried in the spring of 2009.

The trustees are completing arrangements for all burial records to be entered on the Town Website to facilitate cemetery information to the public.

Other than the Bedford Center Cemetery currently in use, the Trustees are responsible for the care and maintenance of three other older and smaller cemeteries, namely Joppa Hill, Beals Road and the Back River Road Cemeteries, plus the Walker Monument, a granite boulder historic site located on Station Road. It is a Memorial to our original pioneers, James and Robert Walker.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Doris Peck Spurway Secretary

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Benita Diamond, Chairperson  
 Joan McMahan, Elaine Tefft

As of December, 2008, the checklist recorded the following:

**3,908 Democrats, 7,501 Republicans,**  
**4,904 Undeclared**  
 for a total of **16,313 Registered Voters.**

Current checklists are available for viewing at the Library, in the lobby of the Town Offices and with the Town Clerk.

Supervisors of the Checklist hold evening and Saturday sessions for registration of new voters and corrections to the checklist prior to each election. These sessions are posted in the Town Office, the Library, on the Town web site ([www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org)) and published in local newspapers. Residents are welcome to apply for voter registration and make name, address and party changes at the Town Offices during office business hours.

For further information regarding the duties of the Supervisors of the Checklist please visit the Town web site ([www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org)) or contact the Supervisors through the e-mail address: [checklist@ci.bedford.nh.us](mailto:checklist@ci.bedford.nh.us)

The Supervisors give a special thanks to Roger Grenier for his help in getting our information out on the web site in 2008. The Supervisors also wish to thank Lori Radke, Town Clerk, and Paula Talmanson for helping in the registration process during this very busy year.

### **BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON COMMITTEE**

Beverly Thomas, BVCC Chair  
 Jeanene Procopis, BVCC Sec.

The Bedford Village Common (BVC) is a 9.44-acre town-owned parcel located south of the Bedford Library and bordered by Bell Hill Road, Route 101, and Meetinghouse Road.

The current Bedford Village Common Committee has been voluntarily assisting the Town with the park's development since 2003. During 2008, the committee has held televised monthly meetings and has met with the Town Council, town boards and commissions.

2008 has been a very productive year with the construction plans and permitting now complete. As part of the permitting process, the BVC received Department of Environmental Services approval for its Dredge & Fill



application in April and Army Corp of Engineers approval in May. A condition of the DES permit was the execution of a conservation easement on 6.2 acres that is held by the Bedford Land Trust. A required easement survey of the park boundaries was completed in the fall. With Town Council approval, a three-rail fence demarcating the Route 101 boundary was installed in November. The fence will be painted in spring through a volunteer effort. In December, a 4'X 8' "Bedford Village Common" sign was installed on the fence along Route 101.

Members of the Committee met with the Town Council in October to request an appropriation for fiscal year 2009 of \$110,000 of Recreation Impact Fees so there would be no tax impact to Bedford residents for Phase 1 of the construction process. The Committee proposed that it would start an aggressive fundraising campaign to match the \$110,000 through grants and private donations for the balance of the projected costs for phase 1. In November, at the request of the Town Council, a public hearing was held to take public testimony on the preferred funding mechanism for the park. In December, the Parks & Recreation Commission voted to recommend to the Town Council that it release \$110,000 from the Impact Fee Account for the development of the park. On December 17, the Town Council voted against using the Impact Fees to fund the park.

The BVCC is a Town Council-appointed committee consisting of Beverly Thomas (Chair), Jayne Spaulding (Vice-Chr.), Jeanene Procopis (Sec.), Kristin Desmarais, Mervyn Taub, and Tom Riley. Town Representatives are Michael Scanlon (Town Council), Bill Dermody (Town Council Alternate), Kim Dancault (Parks & Rec Commission), and Cynthia May (Planning Department). Anne Cruess of TF Moran donates her consulting services to the committee. The BVCC provides volunteer assistance to the Town Council and Parks & Recreation Commission with the goal of developing a town park for the benefit of the citizens of Bedford.



## **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Andrew Noyes, Chairman

The Historic District Commission met for 10 regular meetings during 2008. A total of 17 applications were filed and heard. The Commission approved 8 commercial signs, 2 residential renovations including an addition, one in-ground pool, 2 applications for replacement windows or doors in commercial buildings, one application for replacement windows in a residence, a replacement deck, and a three-season porch. There was one application for new commercial building, but no applications for new residential buildings.

The Historic District Commission continues to respond to resident concerns. In addition, the Commission has made an effort to promote the historic character of the district, while keeping in mind the effect on residents. As part of the educational responsibility of the district, new residents are now being informed of the regulations. The Commission worked to ensure that the District is not only a nice place to drive through, but is also a nice place to live.

Three alternate members were appointed as regular members of the Historic District Commission by the Town Council in March to fill three vacant seats. Outgoing member Bill Jean had completed his temporary appointment to the Town Council in March, and did not seek reappointment to the Historic District Commission. Outgoing member Beverly Thomas, who also did not seek re-appointment, had completed her third term at the end of March, culminating 9 years of service on the Historic District Commission. A third regular member seat had remained unfilled for the previous year. Pamela Weeks-Dorji, Andrew Noyes and Laura O'Donnell were all appointed after serving as alternates for at least one year prior to this. Ms. Weeks-Dorji and Mr. Noyes were appointed in March, and Ms. O'Donnell in April. Town Councilor Normand Longval was appointed as the Council Representative in March, and Councilor Paul Roy, who had served as the Town Council Representative since August 2007, was appointed as the Town Council Alternate. At the May 6th meeting, Andrew Noyes was elected Chairman and Laura O'Donnell was elected Vice-chairman of the Historic District.

The Historic District Commission is made up of four regular members, plus the Town Council Representative, and three alternates. It was also determined that the Town Charter did not provide for a regular Planning Board member seat on the Historic District Commission, so the Town Council recommended a liaison role for a Planning Board representative. Regular Planning Board member Eric Anderson was appointed by the Planning Board to





fill this role. Three new alternate members were also appointed by the Town Council in 2008. John Bostwick attended his first meeting as an alternate member in April. Bernie Ruchin joined the Historic District Commission at the August meeting, and Barbara Potter attended her first meeting in September. The Historic District Commission membership was complete and remained this way through 2008.

The Historic District Commission co-sponsored with the Bedford Historical Society a presentation by Mr. Cornish of the New England Historic Society on Saturday November 22, 2008 at the Bedford Library. Mr. Cornish discussed how to use New England's Historic Stewardship Program with older houses, and how to research a historic home. It was open to anyone in Town and intended to help owners of historic properties with the stewardship process.

## **ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

William H. Ingalls, Assessor

Effective April 1, 2008, Bedford experienced an overall net growth in valuation of 8%. The factors that attribute to this increase include the following: construction finished in 2008 that began in 2007 or before, projects that began in early 2008 partially completed by April 1, 2008, and lastly the 2008 valuation update. Because of the update it is hard to compare growth rates between 2007 and 2008 except perhaps to say the difference would most likely be even larger in a better overall economy. New total values as of April 1, 2008 are as follows:

Residential	\$2,719,298,300
Comm/Ind	\$592,680,500
Utilities	\$32,632,964
Exempt	<u>\$148,029,778</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,492,641,542</b>

Property tax exemptions and credits totaled \$14,676,407; the Standard Veteran's Tax Credit is \$500; the Surviving Spouse Tax Credit (surviving spouse of anyone who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces) is \$2000; the Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability Credit is \$2000; the 65-74 Senior Tax Exemption is \$76,350; the 75-79 Senior Tax Exemption is \$81,350; and the 80 years of age and older Tax Exemption is \$120,000. Bedford also has a Blind Tax Exemption of \$35,000; a Deaf Tax Exemption of \$35,000; and a disabled Tax Exemption of \$52,000 in addition to exemptions for Wood-Heating Energy Systems, and Solar Energy Systems.

The total assessed value of any property; residential, commercial, or exempt not completed by April 1, 2008, will not be reflected in the above listed amounts. Total assessed values reflect the state of completion and physical condition of all property as of April 1. The total assessed value of all property completed after April 1, 2008 will be included in the numbers for 2009.

As reported to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, there were a total of 418 property conveyances. This is 22% less total transactions than the 2007 year.

In 2008, and especially after April 2008, the effects of the sub prime adjustable rate mortgage situation, compounded by the failure of Freddie Mac, Fannie Mac, and multiple major banking and insurance companies made its way to New Hampshire. However, if you pay close attention to the many articles in print, on the internet, and on television, you will see that New Hampshire has fared far better than the majority of the United States; our situation is not in any way close to that of states such as Arizona, California, Florida, Michigan, and Nevada. Only one large bank in New Hampshire asked for and received federal bail out monies; the rest of our banks both large and small simply did not get as involved in loans leaning towards and resulting in poor quality mortgage-backed securities. In addition, New Hampshire did not suffer from rampant over-speculative building practices; in Bedford if you saw a home being built even in the best of times in the busiest and largest of neighborhoods there was a buyer for it already. But make no mistake about it; this is still a somewhat rough time for Bedford and New Hampshire in general.

The year 2008 also saw a town-wide valuation update, as required by Part 2 Article 6 of the New Hampshire State Constitution that states "...there shall be a valuation of the estates within the state taken anew once in every five years, at least, and as much oftener as the general court shall order". This means, good times or bad, values in Bedford will be updated at least once every five years with the next update scheduled for 2013. It was assessments as of 2004 that were updated and not assessments as of 2007, and where Bedford does not adjust values on an annual basis, the majority of assessed values increased in comparison to 2004 in a time where values were declining from 2007. This was the case with any other community in New Hampshire that updated their 2003 or 2004 assessments. It is interesting to note that the majority of sales occurring after the date of valuation, April 1 2008, are above the new updated values. In addition there is a fair amount of optimism for the future as the impending completion of the Airport By-Pass Road by 2013 promises to have a substantial positive impact to values in Bedford beginning with the Route 3





corridor and spreading outward throughout town. That influence is being felt now and will only continue to increase as we approach 2013.

As of December 31, 2008, the classification or specific property types are as follows:

Single Family Residence	6193
Residential Multi Family	43
Residential Vacant	439
Residential Mobile Home	5
Residential Condominiums	610
Commercial/Industrial Improved	524
Commercial/Industrial Vacant	42
Exempt	252
Utilities	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>8136</b>

Even though an update for 2008 was just completed, the Bedford Assessor's Office must continue with the ongoing data re-verification and inspection program for the next valuation update presently scheduled for 2013. In order to satisfy the "value anew at least once every five years" requirement of the State Constitution, this office will continuously re-verify and re-inspect properties throughout each year. Physical property characteristics either missed or changed will be added or removed from properties (*remember - if you've filled in a pool or torn down a shed let us know about it by/before April 1 of any year*); this way, we can put off the major expense of a revaluation - the data collection phase, and still use the most up to date information as possible.

A public access computer terminal is available in the assessing lobby along with tax maps for property research - while we try to keep the on line information up to date the public access terminal will always be the most up to date. Copies of records are available for a nominal fee. Assessment information can be seen online at [www.visionappraisal.com](http://www.visionappraisal.com), and maps/abutters lists for individual lots are available at [www.mapsonline.net](http://www.mapsonline.net). Assessing office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM.

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Mervyn Taub, Chairman

This was another quiet year for dredge & fill applications.

The Commission still had a very busy year as the focus of our work has moved to being much more pro-active in protecting and enhancing the Town's natural resources and open spaces.

There were only 4 dredge and fill applications. One, for The Preserve permitted 43,526 square feet or about an acre, for which the Town got mitigation of 83 acres of open space, which will adjoin Pulpit Rock. This is a very significant addition to what is the largest open space preserve in the town. The Town requested a permit to fill 8,908 square feet for road construction, and the last two applications totaled 950 square feet of fill.

We were approached by a prospective eagle scout, Scott Jones, who was eager to upgrade the Goad Trail at Ash Bog. This led to our finding that the Town owned substantial land made up of 7 lots totaling 138.8 acres. Ash Bog is one of the wetlands of significance in Bedford. The Commission decided that in order to protect this better, these lots should first be consolidated into one lot and then have a Conservation easement placed on it. We are in the process of doing this and it is before Town Council now pending their action.

We were approached by the Amherst Open Space Committee to see if we were interested in purchasing the Bedford portion of the "Martin Farm" which is for sale. This would add 37 acres to the Pulpit Rock property and would extend the preserve down to the Amherst line. We voted to make this purchase with funds that we have on hand, and this is in the process of going through all of the necessary approvals in both Amherst and Bedford. It is our intention to place the land in a conservation easement with the Bedford Land trust as the grantee of the easement.

At the request of Town Council we are looking into how to best protect the existing wetlands of significance. It was decided that one approach will be to find out how to best monitor the quality of the water in these wetlands and we are investigating how we could do this without incurring excessive costs.

The New Hampshire legislature passed new legislation recently that will empower conservation commissions to partner with other institutions that conserve land, and enable them to expend funds without taking title to the property, and to also fund the purchase of land outside the town but within the watershed. This requires approval from Town Council and it is before them now.

The Southern NH Planning Commission has formed a Natural Resources Advisory Committee, which is an outgrowth of the Conservation Commission Institute Workshops. This new committee will develop projects to prioritize the acquisition of open space, and seek funding to develop these plans. Glenn Boston, vice-chair, attends these meetings.



Finally I would like to thank the Commission members for their service, the Town Council representatives Councilors Norm Longval and Paul Roy, Richard Moore and the Pulpit Rock sub-committee and Karin Elmer who is so helpful to us.

#### **Pulpit Rock Subcommittee**

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission invites you to visit your conservation area. It is a great choice when you are looking for a hike that is close to home, with over 3½ miles of moderate to difficult trails. The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee is charged with overseeing and managing Bedford's Pulpit Rock Conservation Area. Subcommittee members include Richard Moore, Bill Ewing, Peter Delano, Clark Gott, Ray Landry, Doug Pryce, Eric Soederberg, and Conservation Commission Representative, Anthony Clark. During 2008 David Coughlin, forester and town resident, marked the boundary of the newer parts of Pulpit Rock Conservation Area to clearly identify the boundary. Our thanks are extended to David. In 2009, the Pulpit Rock workday will be scheduled for some weekend in late April or early May. Please check the Bedford newspapers in April for the date. Our thanks are extended to those who have helped out in past years at the Pulpit for our annual workdays and we would welcome your help.

#### **BEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION**

William Foote – Chairman

Jane O'Brien – Program Coordinator

The Parks and Recreation system in Bedford is a combination of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department. Both entities play vital roles in fostering a sense of community.

The Park and Recreation Commission is comprised of Bedford residents who volunteer their time to aid the Department in bringing new programs to the community. Through their efforts, all aspects of the Department's services, including passive and active recreation, are improved.

The Recreation Department helps provide residents with places to meet and socialize by providing recreation and leisure services. It brings new and exciting programs for people of all ages

The Commission has a number of subcommittees which were formed to help the Parks and Recreation Department accomplish the tasks listed above. One subcommittee is known as "MOLD". This group was formed back in 2000 by the Directors of the Leagues and became a formal

subcommittee of the Commission in 2006. This is a forum in which all leagues, using Town facilities, can work together on issues concerning each sport program and making sure their concerns are presented to the Commission.

In 2008 the Commission formed a new subcommittee known as the "Dog Park" subcommittee. The purpose was to focus on Town owned land acquisition and funding for the park through private donations and fund raising. At this time the subcommittee is working jointly with the Town to find a proper location for such a park.

The Adult & Senior group known as the "Bedford Connections" was busy offering free monthly "Movie Matinee" at the Bedford Library. The Summer Senior Concert series offering adult entertainment on sunny afternoons. Many residents visited our pool facility, for the first time. Some people came from the assisted living facilities in Bedford. They came and enjoyed the musical entertainment with professional groups such as "Music is Love" with Dawn Kelley and Dick Miller. The "Boot Scootin' Boomers" involved audience participation; teaching them how to play their ever so popular original percussion instruments.

The "Bedford Connections" also sponsored a series of "Workshops" focusing on health, wealth and fitness. One program entitled "Eating for Healthy Aging" with guest speaker Stephanie Chmielecki, RD for Bedford Hannaford Supermarket. Another workshop entitled "Retirement Planning Q&A" with Dan Hagler of Granite State Retirement Planning of Bedford and also a "Tai Chi" program to promote health and wellness instructed by Aaron Butler of the Academy of Health & Martial Arts.

Springfest was held in May for the younger residents of Bedford with perfect weather conditions. Attendance was well over 100 families who enjoyed a day filled with fun. Activities such as the egg treasure hunt, pie eating contest, the Public Works, Fire and Police Departments allowed children to climb in and see their vehicles along with a "Tennis Block Party" sponsored by The Granite State Kids Tennis Program. The Coalition of Bedford Youth under the direction of Sherry Charkin again lent their helping hands to allow Miss Jane to offer this Town wide program.

The end of May brought together the Recreation Department and the VFW Post #8401 together to plan and implement of a new parade route for the Bedford Pre-Memorial Day parade. This year parade was well attended and the new flat route gave the organizations marched to a no hill policy. The new route went up County Road where there were plenty of sidewalks for



parents and parade watchers as we marched down to McKelvie Intermediate School.

Each summer, the Recreation Department unlocks the gates to the Bedford Memorial Pool which brings families together in a wholesome, affordable family entertainment facility. The facility allows visitors of all ages to enjoy swimming and safe water play. The pool also allows kids a place to go and entertain themselves.

The Department also offered an 8-week summer day camp for 6-12 year olds which was led by Camp Director, Michele Brisson although it was wearing a new name the former Camp Passaconaway due to Town Council approval last year is now known as Camp Witzel. The name change is in honor of Dorothy Witzel a longtime Bedford resident and Town employee who was dedicated to the residents of Bedford. The Parks & Recreation Department along with the Parks and Recreation Commission felt this was a way of honoring her long term dedication to the community. Our mission at Camp Witzel is to help children learn life skills that become habits of the heart! Camp Witzel encourages children in an environment for today's generation to strive for tomorrow's goals.

A new program developed by the Recreation Department in 2007 was a teen program for 13-16 year olds known as Teen Adventure Camp which took on the mission challenge to provide unique opportunities for teens during the summer months involving them in learning new skills, building self-esteem and making new friends through programs that are adventurous, educational and fun.

The 18<sup>th</sup> season of Tuesday night Family Cultural Series outdid itself with family musical entertainment by Ben Rudnick & Friends, Johnny the K Show, Ventriloquist Dana Perkins and ending the 18<sup>th</sup> season series with a Bedford Town wide favorite T-Bone the American Musical Pied Piper.

The Parks and Recreation Department provides routine parks maintenance, playground maintenance, athletic facilities maintenance for recreational programs, parks equipment as well as support to other Town departments and special events. A special *thank you* goes out to employees Wayne Harressey and Kevin Hodgdon for an excellent job maintaining the Town's parks, fields and facilities this past year.

The Commission would also like to recognize Don Foster, who had resigned this past year as Chairman of the Commission for his years of service to the Town of Bedford and the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the residents of the Town.

## **BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (BCTV)**

Bill Jennings, Station Manager  
Coleen Richardson, Assistant Station Manager  
BCTV Board Chairman, Bob Thomas

Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is the Town's local Public, Education and Government access community television station. BCTV has two channels. Channel 16 is for public and education programming and Channel 22 is for Government programming.

Channel 22 is dedicated to government programming. All town government meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22. School Board meetings are also broadcast on Channel 22, but will occasionally move to Channel 16 when there is a schedule conflict with live town government programming. Over 150 government and school board meetings were broadcast live on Channel 22 and Channel 16 in 2008. Every live meeting is then rebroadcast on Channel 22 the following week. In 2008 BCTV had the capability to broadcast live from the BCTV Town Meeting Room; the School Administrative Unit; and Bedford High School. Programming schedules are updated weekly and published in both Bedford newspapers as well as on the BCTV website. The BCTV website is [www.bedfordtv.com](http://www.bedfordtv.com)

The station's mission is to provide a forum for access to, and awareness of, public, education, and government community information. Use of the BCTV channels and facilities are free of charge to community members and non-profit organizations residing in Bedford.

The station also runs a community bulletin board for public service announcements. Any non-profit organization can have their notices posted. BCTV is a non-commercial station.

The station exists as part of a standard contractual agreement between the town and the local cable service provider, Comcast. Cable franchise fees collected from cable subscribers by Comcast fund the operation of the station. The station is not funded by tax dollars.

BCTV is governed by a Board of Overseers which is made up of residents and a representative from the town council, and the school board. The board is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the station. The station has two full time staff personnel and six part time government and school board videographers.

A major broadcasting feature that was added this year at BCTV is the ability to download BCTV programs through the station's "Video on Demand" feature. Now viewers





can watch programs that are run on Channel 16 and Channel 22 on their home computers at their convenience. BCTV also introduced "Streaming Video" for Channel 22. Streaming Video allows anyone to see "live" or simultaneous programming running on Channel 22 on their home computer. This is an excellent feature that will allow residents, town personnel, boards, commissions or committee members to watch government programming "live" no matter where they might be in their travels. This ability to tune in to live Channel 22 programming from a computer has been well received by many who have used the feature. Due to its popularity, video streaming will be added to the station's public/educational channel, Channel 16, in 2009.

BCTV encourages residents to get involved with the station by volunteering as producers, directors, camera talent, editors, or hosts of their own shows. Training is available from station personnel for anyone interested in learning about the "television business". In 2008, BCTV volunteers and staff produced many programs that covered an array of subjects. BCTV and its volunteers were recognized by the Alliance for Community Media – Northeast Region in this past year's prestigious video festival awards. Eight volunteers received recognition for their productions. Leading the way was the New Hampshire Animal Rescue League for their show, *For Pets' Sake*, which won first place in the Community Impact category. Other programs that received recognition in other categories were *Camp Allen – Where Miracles Happen*; *Bedford Polls Presidential Primary Election*; *The Paul Bordeleau Show*; *Terri Screech and Friends*; *An Introduction to Acupuncture*; *Autism Awareness*; and *Mizero – Children of Rwanda*. We congratulate all of our volunteer producers at BCTV who worked hard to ensure that their productions were entertaining, informative and educational.

In 2008 BCTV produced 28 candidate and political shows. Interviews were conducted by volunteer producers and subjects covered an array of political topics. All local and state candidates were given equal access to the station. BCTV worked closely with the Bedford Republican and Democratic Chairs in town to insure all candidates were given a venue to be heard. Some of the more familiar names who were interviewed at BCTV were, Governor John Lynch; former governor Jeanne Shaheen; Senator John Sununu, and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter. In addition, election coverage for the primary in September and the general election in November was broadcast live from the Bedford High School.

The station, as part of its responsibility to support educational programming and broadcast services to the school system, worked closely with administrators and

teachers this year to produce informative and educational programs. BCTV provided funding for equipment and technical support which allowed for broadcast coverage of school events and town/school public hearings from the high school theater. There was a significant increase in the number of school programs in 2008, which included sporting events, school plays and concerts. Many of these programs were taped by student volunteers from the high school.

In December, BCTV worked closely with the Bedford Police and Fire Departments during the recent ice storm to broadcast emergency updates to the community. Alert bulletins and emergency informational crawls were updated daily as the staff kept in constant contact with the emergency management team. BCTV received power after two days and began broadcasting emergency information immediately with the help of the police and fire departments.

#### **BCTV Board Chairman Comments**

First and foremost, I need to thank all of the volunteers at BCTV; both on the board as well as those in the studio. Without you, there is no BCTV. The growth of BCTV over the last few years has been tremendous. The community is becoming more involved at the station and the station has many more roles for new volunteers. What a terrific way to serve your community as a volunteer at BCTV and help the community get new and better information. How many people do you know that have complained in the past that the quality of TV programs has degraded and the major networks are not in touch with the local communities? Well, BCTV provides the ability for our community to customize our local programming!

In 2008, we made several strides towards our future and fulfilling key items of our ten-year growth plan. The most visible change was the physical appearance of the BCTV Station Town Meeting Room that not only has a newer, more professional appearance but also provides for a better contrast for our viewing audience, making the images and presentations easier to see. In 2009, we hope to improve the quality of our broadcast by improving the lighting and clarity of the broadcast. By having sharper images presented on the TV we hope that our viewership will be more engaged in our meetings and programs. In 2009, we also hope to develop more of a media relations group inside of BCTV that will incorporate the internet with our local broadcasts. Stay tuned for more changes in the year ahead and we hope you consider volunteering this year at the station as your input is our programming!

Please remember that Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is YOUR community access television station.





Call us to learn more about how you can get involved with BCTV. Contact Station Manager, Bill Jennings, or Assistant Station Manager Coleen Richardson, by calling 472-8288 or signing on to the BCTV website at [www.bedfordtv.com](http://www.bedfordtv.com)

## **BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

David C. Bailey, Police Chief

When I look back at 2008 there are three major things that I am going to remember. The three reflections are the high gas prices, the economic downturn and the December ice storm. All three things had an impact on the Bedford Police Department as it did on all other segments of our community.

Long before the high gas prices and the economic downturn I have exercised fiscal restraint with the budget and I will continue to do so. I am also mindful that we can't mortgage the future and if we cut some items we will pay double in the future. We have a good department that we can all be proud of. The department is the employees and we must keep the wages and benefits competitive. The Council has always strived to have us in the middle of the range, a policy I support and hope that it continues. It costs a lot more to hire and train new people that it does to retain. I pledge to continue to be the fiscal watchdog that I believe is my reputation, but we continue to provide you with the services that you desire. The study (MRI) that the Council commissioned and funded in 2006 concluded that we were understaffed by 11 officers, a dispatcher and clerical personnel. Knowing that the town couldn't fund it all at once, they crafted a program that would phase them in by the end of the 2010 calendar year. The council approved and the budgetary town meeting approved the additions in 2007 & 2008, but did not approve the additions to the 2009 budget. I don't agree, but I understand that we all have to make cuts to present an affordable budget to the taxpayer. I hope however, when the economy gets back on track we will continue the plan. As I said in the meantime I will be extra vigilant in keeping costs down as much as reasonably possible.

As far as the ice storm went, we also went through tough times. The good that came out of it was that we learned what we did wrong and what we did right. We have critiqued ourselves and will be meeting with the utility company to see if we can all get a better flow of information from them to us and from us to the residents of Bedford. I do want to thank members of my department, the fire department, the highway department, the school department and the utilities for all their hard work. Many when they got off shift returned to their own homes, which were also without power.

As of this writing, we are at full-authorized strength, although we currently have three recruits in the Police Academy who will graduate in April. We also promoted Mike Bernard to Lieutenant in charge of the evening shift and he was replaced by the promotion of John Selvitella to patrol sergeant.

Statistically in 2008 calls for service went up 15%, we stopped 17% more motor vehicles, thefts went up 31% and adult arrests went up 37%. Going down were dog complaints 23%, burglaries 46% (39 to 21) and motor vehicle complaints went down 13%. We investigated one motor vehicle fatality on Wallace Rd. and probably the biggest case that was investigated in 2008 the arrest of a Manchester man who we allege supplied drugs to a teenager at a party causing the death of the teenager. The subject is awaiting trial.

As always I wish to thank the members of the Bedford Police Department for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Also the cooperation of all town departments, including the town manager and the council. I would also be remiss if I did not thank the school district for their cooperation and support as we

Work to make the High School and all the other schools safe, which they are. Also the district was very helpful during the ice storm. Town and school government in Bedford is truly a team. As always I wish to thank the biggest part of the team, the residents of Bedford. You are the driving force as to the services that we provide. We cannot do our job without your cooperation and support. Thank you.

Lastly, the most frequently asked question to me is, "when are you going to retire?" My answer remains, "when the bad days begin to outnumber the good days." Be safe.

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### **Bedford Police Department – 2008 Annual Statistics**

Calls for Service	23,490
Abandoned Vehicles	30
Accidents	1483
Investigated	1471
Fatal	1
Property Damage	1352
Injury	118
Other	12
Alarms Answered	2142
<b>Arrests</b>	
Adult	725
Juvenile	111
MV Summons Issued	2007
MV Warnings Issued	7343
Parking Tickets Issued	135



Assaults	53
Assist Fire	115
Assist Other Police Departments	232
Bomb Threat	4
Assist Utilities	81
Animal Complaints	384
Burglary	21
Civil	102
Disorderly	313
Dog Complaints	489
Drugs	15
Family Offense Calls	203
Found Property	69
Fraud/Counterfeit	62
Gun Complaints	36
Harassment Incidents	38
Highway Conditions	493
Homicide	0
Internet Crime	6
Littering Complaints	17
Lost Property	41
MV Complaints	652
Phone Call Complaints	66
Rescue Assists	549
Robberies	2
Service Calls	536
Sex Offenses	31
Suicide	2
Sudden Deaths	12
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	999
Thefts	421
Town Ordinance Violations	88
Vandalism	241



## **BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Scott A. Wiggin, Fire Chief

This past year has been very active with a larger than normal amount of Mutual Aid requests to surrounding communities. A lot of these requests were for multiple alarm fires of large scaled events. Also we have been called upon numerous times for Paramedic Intercept for Advance Life Support Services to our neighboring towns. Our current shift staffing remains at six personnel on duty 24/7 when we are at full staff. We also have one day time person four days a week. All four shifts have been actively performing public and life safety inspections of all businesses and public places of assembly.

We were very fortunate to receive a donation from Catholic Medical Center of a LifePak-12 Lead EKG Monitor/Deliberator to advance our support in cardiac care.

This past year we started to transition over from our current low band radio frequency to our newly assigned high band frequency which will give us better coverage and enhance our regional and statewide radio interoperability. This project was funded by a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

We also have received a larger than normal request for inspections and information on secondary heating appliance from citizens this year. This was caused by the drastic increase of heating costs. We encourage citizens to be very careful with any type of usage of alternative or secondary heating appliances. People need to have all heating appliance serviced at least annually. Homeowners need to maintain adequate clearances to all combustible materials. Have all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors checked for proper operation. Properly discard ashes in metal covered containers outside away from any combustible materials. If any citizen has a question or concern regarding the installation and or operation of a heating appliance, please contact the Bedford Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau.

This year Captain Mark Klose was promoted from Captain to Deputy Fire Chief of Operations and Training. I also would like to recognize the retirement of Call Lieutenant Douglas Stevens for his 15 years of dedicated service with the Bedford Fire Department with the last 12 years serving as a Lieutenant. I would like to recognize all members of the department for their hard work and support during the Ice Storm in December 2008.

A reminder to all citizens that the law requires a written fire permit anytime the ground is not covered with snow. Also, any portable fireplaces, which mean devices such as



chimneys, steel fire pits, and any devices designed to burn permissible combustible materials other than gas or charcoal are required to have a written permit. The fire department will conduct a site visit and assess the installation and use, and if deemed appropriate a seasonal permit may be issued.

I would like to thank the general public for all of their support through donations and letters of appreciation that we have received over the past year.

	2007	2008
<b>FIRE CALLS</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>616</b>
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>1287</b>	<b>1252</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Service Calls	157	274
Field Inspections	664	647
Plan Review	49	62
Burning permits	633	714
Blasting Permits	23	12
<b>SUBTOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>1526</b>	<b>1709</b>
<b>Total Service Provided</b>	<b>3351</b>	<b>3577</b>

### Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the

remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

### 2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)  
(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31



## CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	2
Debris	173
Campfire	35
Children	23
Smoking	36
Railroad	2
Equipment	11
Lightning	11
Misc.*	162

(\*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2008	455	175
2007	437	212
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147

## BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Wayne A. Richardson, CBO Code/Health Official  
Wayne H. Moore, Code/Health Inspector  
Garry Pariseau, Health Inspector – Food Service

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

December 2008 brings us to the end of the town's first year performing our own public bathing inspection program. The first year visits have yielded some excellent insight for us into the amount of knowledge many operators did not possess about correct public bathing facility maintenance; so the focus of the program has been educating personnel on the importance of accurate record keeping and diligent monitoring of the operations as a means of preventing health issues from occurring. This coming year in addition to our continued inspection program for pool regulation compliance we will be working with facilities as they work toward compliance with new federal regulations regarding anti-entrapment requirements. While we understand it is not the responsibility of the Town of Bedford to enforce federal law; given the purpose of these regulations it is in the best interest of both residents and visitors to our community to ensure facilities are working towards compliance.

Food service compliance program continues to improve and attendance of town sponsored education programs for food service establishments remains excellent. While Inspector Pariseau and I have not been convinced of the actual benefit of publishing food inspection scores on a regular basis; the department did provide a list to the Union Leader at its request this past year. We were very pleased with the fair and accurate representation made by the reporter for the paper. As always anyone with questions about a particular establishment is encouraged to call or come into the office and look at the records. One

new major food service license was issued this year to Hannaford Brothers for the new store on Route 101.

Mosquito born illnesses continue to be a concern for residents of the state. The town did set monies aside this past year for mosquito surveillance. However due to cost increases for mosquito sampling and new costs involved with securing emergency spraying permits we were faced with a substantial unforeseen shortfall of funds. Based upon the limited persistence of approved aerial adulticides, the Department of Agriculture's preference is for larvaicide programs, and location treatment area limitations because of wetlands and property owners rights these types of preventative measures will yield a very limited effectiveness. Our research has led us to conclude the most effective type of protection is the use of individual insect repellent wipes for a specific time and location. This is in line with the DHHS recommendations for self-protection. Our initial intent would be to provide the wipes to individuals attending town sponsored outdoor events should circumstances dictate such an action to be warranted.

However, the Health Department continues to advise all residents your best defense against contracting these diseases is by self-protection and following guidelines to help reduce mosquito breeding areas around your home. These guidelines can be found by following the links on the Health Department page on the Town of Bedford web site.

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

As was anticipated late last year, substantial confusion reigned regarding the effective date for the need for individuals to provide proof of gas licensure. That confusion has been clarified and at this time the license issue has been cleared up. There are still some issues about when permits are required for fuel gas appliances. The short answer is: whenever any LP or natural gas fired appliance or equipment is installed or replaced gas permits are required. If the individual that is installing the appliance is also doing the gas piping then one permit will cover but when they are not the same person then two (2) permits are needed; one permit for the gas piping and a second for the appliance installer.

We issued Certificates of Occupancies for: CVS Pharmacy on South River Road, Bentley Commons on Hawthorne Drive, Country Inn & Suites on South River Road and Hannaford's on Route 101 during 2008. Currently most of the construction activity we are seeing is in commercial renovation and tenant remodels.

With numerous projects at various stages in the planning process; the Building and Fire Department have been meeting with various parties to conduct preliminary discussions regarding building codes and permit





requirements for the Town of Bedford. We encourage developers to meet with us at these early stages in order to try and avoid any misunderstandings regarding building design issues that could require a change in the site plan before final site plans are approved.

If you have questions about permits, when and if they are required or questions about food service establishments please visit the department web pages on the town web site or give us a call at 472-3838 with your questions or e-mail them directly to the person you wish to contact:

<mailto:wrichardson@ci.bedford.nh.us>,

<mailto:wmoore@ci.bedford.nh.us>

<mailto:gpariseau@ci.bedford.nh.us>.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

YEAR	COMPARISON OF VALUE OF WORK BEING DONE BY YEAR							
	2005		2006		2007		2008	
COMMERCIAL ADDITION	\$681,000	3	\$3,100,000	2	\$435,000	1	\$160,000	1
COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$3,671,432	61	\$6,791,002	45	\$11,242,635	51	\$5,425,758	51
NEW COMMERCIAL	\$20,651,000	12	\$715,000	7	\$8,459,000	6	\$2,664,000	3
NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING	\$36,117,500	144	\$28,601,268	138	\$16,653,000	35	\$7,049,000	20
NEW RESIDENTIAL	\$671,577	21	\$759,800	22	\$675,318	24	\$1,102,936	17
RESIDENTIAL ADDITION	\$5,945,497	177	\$6,552,761	71	\$4,774,781	162	\$4,255,585	119
RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$681,800	36	\$1,142,900	24	\$1,326,338	46	\$1,175,290	42
SEPTIC	\$342,700	55	\$507,686	69	\$361,350	51	\$346,000	39
SIGNS	\$146,230	31	\$144,808	31	\$227,610	33	\$63,000	39
SHEDS	\$135,717	44	\$113,698	42	\$19,525	34	\$106,384	34
SWIMMING POOLS	\$1,193,288	38	\$931,588	46	\$1,088,200	33	\$810,090	32
	\$70,237,741	622	\$49,360,511	497	\$45,262,757	476	\$23,158,043	397

Additions = where finished square footage was added to existing structure

Remodel = where no new space was added only reconfiguring and updating

New = entirely new structures (in residential this excludes dwellings)

Figures in italics are the number of permits issued to generate the values in the table.

\* = VALUES ARE BASED UPON FIGURES GIVEN ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS



**TOWN OF BEDFORD**

**Building permits  
New Dwelling Units**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Single	193	210	136	143	82	53	35	20
Duplex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Condos	24	0	0	0	62	0	0	0
Apartmts	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>

**TOWN OF BEDFORD**

**Certificates of Occupancy**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Single	157	199	135	123	123	54	43	26
Duplex	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Condos	25	19	0	0	0	27	12	5
Apartmts	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>116</b>

**BEDFORD PUBLIC WORKS**

James B. Stanford, P.E., Director

Bedford Public Works has five divisions: Administrative, Highway, Solid Waste, Wastewater and Building Maintenance. There are 24 Full Time, 1 Full Time/Half Year, 1 PT and 4 seasonal employees. The department is responsible for maintaining a large segment of the Town's physical infrastructure as well as delivering important services including trash waste disposal; sewer service; snow/ice removal and treatment; Town events assistance; and new subdivision construction oversight.

The comprehensive roads program continued this year, in part, with funding from the 12 million dollar bond appropriation approved in 2005. We continued use of the pavement management system to evaluate and recommend cost effective alternatives for improving the condition of Town roads. In total, over 17 miles of Town roads were improved with rehabilitation or bituminous asphalt treatment. Among the road projects, Hardy Road from Route 101 to North Amherst Road underwent rehabilitation with drainage system upgrades and roadway alignment changes to improve sight distance. In addition to major road work, we also performed several drainage improvement projects including culvert replacements along King Road. We had several severe rain events this past year that caused local and regional flooding. While we were spared the major road damage that was seen in

surrounding communities, several roads were closed and needed repair.

I would like to thank all the staff members for their cooperation and congratulate them on their many accomplishments this past year.

**Highway Division**

Paul Belanger, Superintendent / Assistant Director

During the 2008 winter seasons there were 35 snow and/or ice events. Both the early and late winter months yielded significant snowfall totals and again we enter the New Year with a heavy snow-cover. In December, a major ice event caused significant tree damage and widespread power outages throughout the region. Many in Bedford were without power for over a week and clean-up efforts will continue once the snow is gone in the spring.

Highway crews continued to play a key role in our long-range road improvement plan by spending the non-winter months on general road maintenance, brush clearing and drainage system construction. Much of the time this year was spent repairing road damage caused during the April flooding event. As part of the roads program, crews made several drainage system improvements in the Pilgrim Drive area. To aid in the maintenance responsibilities, the Department purchased two 6-wheel dump trucks.



## Wastewater, Solid Waste and Building Maintenance Divisions

Stephen R. Crean, Environmental Coordinator

In 2008 we completed the wastewater facilities plan update and held a public hearing/implemented new user fees to support the long-term system improvements. Other wastewater projects completed in 2008 included; well rehabilitation to the Pearson Road pump station and service extensions to the new NHDOT maintenance facility and State Police Barracks completed in conjunction with the airport access road.

In effort to continue reducing costs, we implemented single stream recycling at the transfer station. This new recycling program enables residents to combine all recyclables and dispose of them in the same container. Since implementing the program in September, recycling collection has doubled.

Building Maintenance projects included; Remodeling Finance Department offices, installation of a controlled access system to Town Offices and access ramp improvements to BCTV.

## 2008 PUBLIC STREET ACCEPTANCES AND PUBLIC WAY EXTENSIONS

Street Name – New Streets	Limits	Total Accepted Length (+/-)
Rolling Woods Drive	Campbell Rd. to Campbell Rd.	4,332 ft.
Balsam Court	Rolling Woods Dr. to end of Cul de Sac	485 ft.
Willowbrook Court	Rolling Woods Dr. to end of Cul de Sac	524 ft.
Aspen Lane	Rolling Woods Dr. to end of Cul de Sac	705 ft.
Esther Drive	New Boston Rd. to end of Cul de Sac	2,090 ft.
Rachel Way	Esther Dr. to Esther Dr.	1,434 ft.
Braeburn Court	McIntosh Ln. to end of Cul de Sac	1,389 ft.
Beards Hill Road	Hickory Ln. to end of Cul de Sac	675 ft.
Mill Stone Terrace	Joppa Hill Rd. to Joppa Hill Rd.	1,830 ft.
High Gate Drive	Joppa Hill Rd. to end of Cul de Sac	898 ft.
Amber Lane	Gage Girls Rd. to end of Cul de Sac	850 ft.
Street Name - Extensions	Limits	Total Accepted Length (+/-)
French Drive	Buttonwood Rd. to end of Cul de Sac	1,450 ft.
Sandstone Drive	Donald St. Ext. to end	2,056 ft.
Constance Street	Worthley Rd. to Sandstone Dr.	2,488 ft.
McIntosh Lane	Campbell Rd. to Oriole Dr.	5,709



**2008 ROADS PROGRAM**

<b>TREATMENT</b>	<b>ROAD NAME</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Rehabilitation	Hardy Road North Amherst Road	Route 101 Hardy Road	North Amherst Road Joppa Hill Road
Reclaim/Overlay	Liberty Hill Road Whippoorwill Lane Tirrell Hill Road Colonial Drive Heritage Drive Shaw Drive Pilgrim Drive Puritan Drive Quaker Court Williamsburg Lane Hamilton Way Kennedy Drive Presidential Road	Meetinghouse Road Tirrell Hill Road New Boston Road Pilgrim Drive Pilgrim Drive Route 101 Route 101 Pilgrim Drive Pilgrim Drive Puritan Drive Nashua Road Hamilton Way Hamilton Way	Route 101 End End End Shaw Drive End Meetinghouse Road Pilgrim Drive End End Kennedy Drive End End
Wearing/Overlay	Back River Road Smith Road McAllister Road Nashua Road Silver Spring Drive Tirrell Road Juniper Drive Checkerberry Lane Horizon Drive Monadnock Lane Veronica Drive	South River Road Back River Road New Boston Road County Road Back River Road Back River Road Smith Road Smith Road Smith Road Horizon Drive Horizon Drive	Merrimack T.L. Liberty Hill Road Goffstown T.L. Wallace Road End Preysnar Road Smith Road End Smith Road End 500 LF East
Maintenance Shim	King Road Joppa Hill Road Worthley Road Hickory Lane Timberlane Drive	Buckingham Way North Amherst Road Rundlett Hill Road Holbrook Road Holbrook Road	Spartan Drive Pulpit Road Fourth Street End End





## **BEDFORD WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bruce A. Thomas, P.E., Chairman

The Bedford Water and Sewer Advisory Committee is charged with advising the Town Council and making recommendations in the areas of conservation, planning, infrastructure, funding mechanisms and legislation.

Over the past year, the Committee met to advise the Town Council and Planning Board. The following was accomplished:

- We made recommendations to the Town Council to approve the updated Wastewater Facilities Plan that documents the need to double our existing sewer flow allocation from the City of Manchester in anticipation of the City's sewer treatment plant expansion.
- We discussed a possible water main extensions to Route 101 and Bell Hill Road.

The Water and Sewer Advisory Committee meetings are typically scheduled for the second Friday each month at 7:45 a.m. I would like to thank the following members for serving on the Committee over the past year: Paul Arnold, Paul Goldberg, Richard Moore, Bruce Thomas, Town Council Representatives Kevin Keyes, Mike Scanlon and, Bob Young, Steven Crean, Environmental Coordinator and Rick Sawyer, Town Planner.

## **BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Mary Ann Senatro, Library Director

Trustees: Robert Brooks, Edward Moran & Anthony Frederick

*"Libraries are community treasure chests, loaded with a wealth of information available to everyone equally, and the key to that treasure chest is the library card. I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card." First Lady Laura Bush*

The Smartest Card in Your Wallet- your library card. We registered 1,043 new cardholders in Bedford during our library card campaign this year. The library staff set up an information table at the elections, at the local schools and at Olde Towne Day to make it easier for the community to register for a library card and learn about our multitude of services. Your Bedford library card allows access to 1.2 million materials in our GMLCS catalog as well as: children's story times, adult and children's programs,

museum passes, full-text online magazines and newspapers, downloadable audio books and much more.

We checked out 256,477 items in 2008 which represents an 11% increase over 2007. The majority of items checked out were books followed by DVDs and audio books on CD. Downloadable audio books, available through our web page, [www.bedford.lib.nh.us](http://www.bedford.lib.nh.us), continue to be popular. We also enjoyed a surge in our museum pass usage. Bedford non-profit groups use the Richmond and McAllaster meeting rooms extensively; and individuals make use of the smaller Quiet Study. We continue to average 100 meetings per month in the building.

Once again the children's Summer Reading Program came out on top with the most participation of any community in the state of New Hampshire. We had 1,232 children sign up; and they read a total of 21,674 books! The theme this year was all things Australian, "G'day for Reading". The children enjoyed many performers including: Mr. Phil & Co., magician, Joanne Piazzi, storyteller, Flute Sweets & Tickeltoons, TWO: High Energy Juggling and a return visit by Wildlife Encounters. Many thanks to our Children's Librarian, Luci Albertson, and her staff for running such a successful program again this year. We are pleased that so many children and families in Bedford spent time in the library this summer reading. Many thanks also to the many dedicated Jr. Librarians who helped make the Summer Reading Program a success.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adult/Teen Summer Reading program continued this year with patrons and staff writing reviews of books they read and posting them on the library bulletin board. This program was very well received with many teen readers posting reviews as well. We are grateful to the Bedford Rotary Club for sponsoring this program which allowed us to purchase additional books for the Young Adults, run weekly raffles and offer a grand prize of two Mp3 players.

We have purchased two public performance licenses for showing films at the library. The "Indiana Jones Movie Marathon" and the "Star Wars Movie Marathon" were particularly popular. We hope to show more films including Blu-ray movies in 2009 using our new equipment donated by the Library Foundation.

In December of 2000 we started a Monday afternoon book discussion group which is still going strong. In response to patron requests we added another book discussion group that meets on Tuesday evenings. Both groups are led by staff member, Lynne Bishop, facilitator extraordinaire.



Excellent customer service was one of our goals this year and will continue to be one of our goals. Online “patron initiated requests” is one enhancement made this year that has generated a lot of customer satisfaction. Patrons can now search our catalog and request the item that they want using their library barcode number and password. From work or from home, you can now request an item online and you will be contacted when it is available. The system searches all of the GMILCS libraries for an available copy if one is not checked in at the Bedford location and it is shipped by van to our library. Patrons are notified by E-mail or phone that their item is ready for pick up. The immediate success of this service was apparent; and the New Hampshire State Library accommodated us by adding another delivery day to our van service. We now have van service Monday through Friday. Bedford cardholders are also able to check out books in person with their library card at each of the 12 GMILCS libraries: Amherst Town Library, Danforth Library at New England College, Derry Public Library, Goffstown Public Library, Hooksett Public Library, Kelley Library in Salem, Manchester City Library, Manchester West Side Community Library, Merrimack Public Library, Shapiro Library at Southern NH University and the Wadleigh Memorial Library in Milford. We also have access to materials in libraries statewide through our Interlibrary Loan service facilitated by our reference staff.

As we know, technology is always changing and we had to face some changes in that area at the library this year. The Sirsi/Dynix Company that provides our catalog and circulation system announced that they no longer would be supporting the system that we were running. The whole GMILCS consortium shares the same system so all libraries were quickly called to action to participate in the research of a new Integrated Library System that would support our needs. A Wiki was set up for all libraries to submit their priorities, vendor demonstrations were held and all libraries had input into the choice. We are very pleased to have successfully migrated all of our data to a new Integrated Library System in August called Polaris. Many thanks to Miriam Johnson, the Assistant Director, who worked tirelessly on the ILS task force to recommend the best system to accommodate our needs. She also went to all Polaris train-the-trainer sessions and had the responsibility of coming back and training all of our staff in all of the modules. Some features of the new system that patrons enjoy are: renewal of books online, e-mail reminders when items are due, saved reading lists, requesting books systemwide and book reviews. We thank the community for their patience and cooperation during the migration and the staff for learning the new

system. We will continue to improve the public interface and add enhancements in the coming year.

At the end of the year, our long time head of circulation, Betty Folsom, announced her retirement in early 2009. We are sorry to see Betty leave after 27 years of dedicated service to the Bedford Public Library and our community; and we wish Betty and her family the best in her retirement. Children’s library staff member Karen Johnson, who ran many of the children’s story times, also resigned this year to take a full time position in Manchester. We welcomed Diane Marshall to take her place and our newest addition in the Children’s Room, Martha Cronin. Diane Hojlo also started working part-time on weekends and as a substitute.

The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at the Bedford Public Library. In addition to our regular staff we have many dedicated volunteers who help support the staff with the many varied tasks that need to be accomplished. Helping us out in 2008 were volunteers: Marissa Beaulieu, Mary Jane Beaver, Betty Clock, Christina Campbell, Alberta Dieter, Jonathan Gaffen, Katherine Green, Cora Healey, Laurie Heinz, Gene Holley, Cassidy Holliday, Julie Hunter, Ben Johnson, Larry Johnson, Judy Kazakovich, Jean McGiffin, Kaitlin McGown, Marilyn McKenney, Barbara Potter, Denise Schnaars, Bhawna Sharma, James Strampfer, John Strampfer, Pam Van Arsdale and Cathy Vetrone. We greatly appreciate all of the assistance they have given us this year. It is always a pleasure to have them assist us.

We are appreciative of the generous support of the Bedford residents and local businesses and organizations. The Rotary Club of Bedford generously donated funds to the Adult/Teen Summer Reading Program and purchased an oil painting by artist, Jan Grossman, of the Bedford Presbyterian Church and town cemetery, for the library. The Bedford Public Library Foundation donated a flat screen television to run continuous information about the library and our services. It has certainly caught patron’s attention as they enter the library. The Foundation also donated a new LCD projector, Blu-ray DVD player and additional equipment to update the McAllister Room as a venue for speaker presentations and movies. For all of these and other library enhancements that are outside of our town operating budget we are extremely grateful. The Lions Club provided us with our annual supply of library card protectors; and the Bedford Garden Club added to the beauty of our building with urn plantings and wreaths at our entryways. We are especially grateful to the Friends of the Library who work tirelessly to make the Sunday Concert Series possible and the work of the members of the Bedford Library Foundation in supporting the library. We are so grateful to all of the readers in this community



that use and support the library throughout the year and we welcome you all to stop in and use your library card.

At the close of 2008, during the ice storm and power outages we were pleased to serve the community as a place to read, connect to the Internet and stay warm.

The Bedford Public Library looks forward to serving the community in 2009. We are committed to reaching out to new users, encouraging children and adults to be avid readers, and to leading our community into the world of electronic information.

#### 2008 Library Statistics

Books on accession (12/31/2007)	66,875
Books purchased	4,055
Books donated	456
Sub-total	71,386
Books withdrawn	3,519
Books on accession (12/31/2008)	67,867
Number of registered borrowers	9,181
Library holdings (12/31/2008)	
Books	67,867
Magazines	3,801
Audio books	2,646
Videos/DVDs	3,661
Compact discs	1,775
Total	79,750
Subscriptions-2008	
Magazines (titles)	137
Newspapers (titles)	10
Microfiche (titles)	29
Microfilm (1 title)	32 rolls
2008 Circulation Statistics	
Books	181,112
Magazines (titles)	6,892
Compact Discs	9,567
Videos/DVDs	43,985
Audio books	14,173
Museum Passes	748
Subtotal	256,477
Electronic Resources	285,756
Total	542,233
Bedford Public Library - Special Account 2008	
Cash on hand 1/1/2008	\$15,567.96
Income:	
Meeting Rooms	390.00
Copies	2,854.83
Book Sale	3,631.90
Fines	19,956.84
Gifts	3,451.71
Non-resident fees	700.00
Replacements	1,919.23
Grants	378.50
Miscellaneous	0.00
Trust funds	0.00
Total Income	\$33,283.01
Disbursements:	
Miscellaneous	1469.08
Programs	1,897.35
Copiers	3,005.08
Library Enhancements	22,277.95
Books and Media	3,030.83
Total Disbursements	\$31,680.29
Cash on hand 12/31/2008	\$17,170.68

## **BEDFORD TOWN MODERATOR**

Ryk Bullock , Town Moderator

It has been an eventful time since I had the privilege of being elected Moderator almost a year ago and as your Moderator, I want to take this opportunity to provide a review and a list of thanks.

I would like to thank the majority of our Town Council who voted the funds requested by the election team that enabled the various departments within the team, to provide the level of service which you experienced on Election Days in September and November. Along with that I would like to personally thank council Chair Mike Izbicki, Vice Chairman Bob Young, Councilor Bill Dermody, Councilor and Past Chairman Paul Roy Sr., all of who put in significant hours during November's Election Day. Also previous Council Chairs Bill Van Anglen and Dave Danielson gave extensively of their time and talents.

As Moderator, it is my job to oversee the entire operation on Election Days, but without the support of a dedicated staff, my job would have been impossible. My two Senior Assistant Moderators are Todd and Tami Bohan. Todd has run the entire operation with me and Tami, handled all the "nuts and bolts" issues starting weeks before an election and continued through election night as she chairs the Tabulation Team. Assistant Moderators, Dave and Nancy Larson, handled the voting machines throughout each Election Day and by doing so, insured the integrity of your election. Assistant Moderator Ralph Dieter (sometimes with help of his Boy Scouts) orchestrated the accommodation of our physically challenged voters in any and all ways imaginable.

Moving on, but with no less importance is the Tabulation Team comprised of Senior Assistant Moderator Tami Bohan, former Town Clerk Wanda Jenkins, former School District Clerk Kathy Van Anglen and Senior Ballot Clerk Gloria MacVane all who worked to ensure that the results tabulated by the voting machines were all reported correctly and according to your wishes.

Also, I would like to acknowledge with thanks, the other department heads whose ongoing efforts are instrumental on Election Days. Police Chief, David Bailey and his team deserve praise for designing, implementing and conducting a traffic plan that truly was a wonder to behold. The Supervisor's of the Checklist, comprised of Chairperson Benita Diamond, Joan McMahon and Elaine Tefft performed a yeoman's task and provided our community with levels of service which should make us all proud. Our Highway Department, headed by





Superintendent Paul Belanger did a tremendous job in setting up the polls, disassembling the polls and many more duties performed up to, during and after each Election Day. Town Clerk, Lori Radke handled the overwhelming influx of Absentee Ballots, particularly in November, with capability and compassion.

As to my staff of Ballot Clerks, some of who have worked along side of me for over 30 years, my thanks and affection. You are quite simply the best.

A big thank you to the American Red Cross and the Steve Giovanni Bone Marrow Registry Drive. What started out as a dream of mine, because of your support when voting, has exceeded any expectation I could have anticipated.

Junior Assistant Moderator Sean Van Anglen running “Kids Voting” in September and November brought the opportunity for the youngest members of our community to participate and feel a true sense of involvement during a truly historic time.

To all the community organizations that came forth, from the Animal Rescue League, Cell Phones for Soldiers, Toys for Tots, Boy Scouts and so many, many more, you have my gratitude and thanks since your involvement far exceeded the vision that I had when I wanted to integrate “community” back into our Election Days.

Also, I would like to acknowledge my Mentor, former Moderator Gene Van Loan with thanks. My own observation is “what a hard act to follow” and I hope we made you proud.

Finally, my thanks go out to the citizens of Bedford, your faith in myself and my staff has been humbling and uplifting. It is no small wonder that our election process has been acknowledged with so many accolades by the Secretary of State, The Attorney General’s Office and others, when I and my staff have the support of you, the voters.

### **BEDFORD TOWN CLERK**

Lori Radke, Town Clerk

I would like to thank the residents of Bedford for voting me into office on March 11, 2008. I am honored to be serving as your Town Clerk. Thus far, it’s been a very rewarding experience. I would like to thank Wanda Jenkins, former Town Clerk, for assisting me with the transition and answering my many questions throughout the year.

It has been a very exciting year in the Town Clerk’s Office. We licensed 3,091 dogs, conducted four elections, and administered 507 vital records and 88 marriage /civil union licenses. Paula Talmanson was appointed my Deputy Town Clerk and has proven to be a huge asset to this office. I can’t thank her enough for her assistance.

The 2008 General Election, held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, turned out to be one the largest attended elections in New Hampshire history. This office alone processed over 2,800 absentee ballot requests, a record for any town or city this size.

In an effort to provide a more private environment, the Office of the Town Clerk was moved to a different location in the Town Office building. Construction began in January and was completed prior to my arrival.

I truly enjoy serving as your Town Clerk and thank you for your continued support.

### **TOWN CLERK ACCOUNTS:**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS:**

Debits:	
UCC Filings	5,965.00
Certified Copies	4,896.00
Marriage Licenses	3,735.00
Dredge & Fill	0
Articles of Agreement	0
Pole Licenses	0.00
Miscellaneous	717.55
Total Debits	\$15,313.55

Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$15,313.55
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#### **DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT:**

Debits:	
Licenses Issued	20,491.00
License Penalties	1,350.50
Dog Violations	2,120.00
Total Debits	\$23,961.50

Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$23,961.50
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<b>Grand Total Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>\$39,275.05</b>
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Town Clerk, cont.

## ELECTION RESULTS

### Presidential Primary-January 8, 2008

Registered Voters .....	15,832
Total Ballots Cast.....	10,140
Absentee Voters.....	839
New Registrants.....	1,056

### Annual Town Meeting-March 11, 2008

Registered Voters .....	15,589
Total Ballots Cast.....	3,617
Absentee Voters.....	581
New Registrants.....	36

### State Primary-September 9, 2008

Registered Voters .....	15,405
Total Ballots Cast.....	2,459
Absentee Voters.....	200
New Registrants.....	33

### General Election-November 4, 2008

Registered Voters .....	16,399
Total Ballots Cast.....	12,764
Absentee Voters.....	2,485
New Registrants.....	737

## TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Daniel Barnes, Scott Earnshaw, Mark Peicker

As the Trustees of the Trust Funds, we offer these brief comments on the reports that follow.

The Trustees are responsible for two types of funds: (1) Capital Reserve Funds, which have been established by the Town of Bedford or the Bedford School District in anticipation of specific uses, and (2) Trust Funds, which have been set up to support on-going projects, such as the Bedford library or the Bedford cemetery.

The Trustee Annual Reports were not available at the time of printing of this report.

## DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

## RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2008-12/31/2008

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SFN	Child's Name	Date of Bir	Place Of Birth	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
2008000404	TAMULEVICH,JAMES ANTHONY	01/11/2008	NASHUA,NH	TAMULEVICH,ANDREW	TAMULEVICH,ELIZABETH
2008000482	BARNES,CHRISTIAN DANIEL	01/18/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	BARNES,DANIEL	BARNES,NANCY
2008001004	LADUE,CAITLIN ROSE	01/31/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	LADUE,RICHARD	LADUE,JENNIFER
2008002304	SCHNEIDER,POPPY LOUISE	03/07/2008	NASHUA,NH	SCHNEIDER,DEAN	SCHNEIDER,CHRISTINE
2008002702	THOMPSON,DEONNA KATHLEEN	03/14/2008	PORTSMOUTH,NH		ALISEO,LAUREN
2008002653	FARNSWORTH,CAMERON JAMES	03/18/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	FARNSWORTH,CHRISTOPHER	FARNSWORTH,AMANDA
2008003130	HUGHES,ARIANNA ESTELLA	03/31/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	HUGHES,JOHN	HUGHES,PAMELA
2008003126	CROFT,JACKSON HAROLD	04/01/2008	NASHUA,NH	CROFT,JEFFREY	CROFT,ZEEMEL
2008003533	ROUBINEK,HOPE ELIZABETH	04/04/2008	NASHUA,NH	ROUBINEK,BRETT	ROUBINEK,OSNAT
2008003678	HIGH,CARLY SCARLETT	04/08/2008	NASHUA,NH	HIGH,NATHAN	HURD,STACEY
2008003777	OUM,MADELYN VANN MARIE	04/19/2008	DERRY,NH	OUM,BUNNAK	LUND,REBECCA
2008003841	MILOM,MASON ROGER	04/21/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	MILOM,THOMAS	MILOM,SHERI
2008004288	RICK,CARTER RUTHERFORD	05/01/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	RICK,JEFFREY	RICK,LISA
2008004648	ALBIS,EMMA MARGARET	05/11/2008	NASHUA,NH	ALBIS,BENJAMIN	BERG,NICHOLE
2008004879	HELTON,BRODY AARON	05/16/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	HELTON,RYAN	HELTON,KAREN
2008005490	LEE,NATHAN JAMES	05/30/2008	NASHUA,NH	LEE,MATTHEW	LEE,STEPHANIE
2008006554	KENNEDY,NATHANIEL ANDREI	06/26/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	KENNEDY,DANIEL	CRISTUREAN,SIMONA
2008006569	DOMINGOS,KARTER CASH	06/27/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	DOMINGOS,JOSEPH	DOMINGOS,TERESA
2008007130	IZZO,KAYLA ELIZABETH	07/02/2008	NASHUA,NH	IZZO,RONALD	IZZO,ANDREA
2008006927	LAPOINTE,FLORENCE PAULINE	07/05/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	LAPOINTE,SCOTT	LAPOINTE,AMY
2008006841	KRUEGER,AVA MAIREAD	07/06/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	KRUEGER,JOHN	KRUEGER,ELIZABETH
2008006967	ZIADA,RIYAD IHAB	07/09/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	ZIADA,IHAB	MOORE,CYNTHIA
2008007102	HARDY,RYAN MICHAEL	07/11/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	HARDY,STEPHEN	HARDY,BARBARA
2008007091	O'DONNELL,KATHERINE ELISE	07/12/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	O'DONNELL,TIMOTHY	O'DONNELL,KELLY
2008007209	CHOI,JOANNA EUNSEO	07/12/2008	CONCORD,NH	CHOI,HANGSEOK	KIM,SOOYEON
2008007406	PORTER,JOCELYN CAROLINE	07/17/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	PORTER,JASON	PORTER,JENNIFER
2008007453	RILEY,GRACE KATHLEEN	07/17/2008	NASHUA,NH	RILEY,SEAN	RILEY,JENNIFER
2008007412	DELEO,CLAUDIA MARIE	07/19/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	DELEO,JAMES	MERCADO DELEO,DAPHNIE
2008007442	CLELAND,MADISON RAE	07/20/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	CLELAND,JEFFREY	CLELAND,ERIN
2008007654	APONTE,JADEN EMANUEL	07/26/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	APONTE,JASON	MOUNSEY,HEATHER
2008007896	SANTIAGO,KIRSTEN ELLA	07/29/2008	NASHUA,NH	SANTIAGO,JOSEPH ALAN	SANTIAGO,HEATHER
2008008688	CROTEAU,MOLLY ANN	08/18/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	CROTEAU,CHRISTOPHER	OUELLETTE,CANDICE
2008009441	TOUSSAINT,MADELYN JANE	09/03/2008	CONCORD,NH	TOUSSAINT,SCOTT	TOUSSAINT,CAROLINE
2008010094	MULLIN,KATHERINE MARIE	09/22/2008	MANCHESTER,NH	MULLIN,TIMOTHY	MULLIN,MARY
2008010235	CONNORS,KERRIGAN PATRICK	09/28/2008	NASHUA,NH	CONNORS,STEVEN	CONNORS,LORI

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01/01/2008-12/31/2008

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SFN	Child's Name	Date of Bir	Place Of Birth	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
2008010591	JODOIN, JACKSON DANIEL	10/07/2008	MANCHESTER, NH	JODOIN, GREGG	JODOIN, ELIZABETH
2008010587	PAGE, JACKSON ARTHUR	10/07/2008	MANCHESTER, NH	PAGE, FRANCOIS	PAGE, DONNA
2008011874	BIXBY, KYLIE PATRICIA	11/14/2008	MANCHESTER, NH		HALL, MEGHAN
2008012087	HAVENSTEIN, LINDSEY TAYLOR	11/16/2008	DERRY, NH	HAVENSTEIN, WALTER	HAVENSTEIN, MARY
2008012226	LONGVAL, GRACE MARIE	11/20/2008	NASHUA, NH	LONGVAL, DAVID	LONGVAL, DAWN
2008012215	MERHALSKI, SARAH KATHERINE	11/24/2008	MANCHESTER, NH	MERHALSKI, STEVEN	MERHALSKI, MELISSA
2008012404	WALLAT, ADDISON MARGARET	11/29/2008	NASHUA, NH	WALLAT, JEFFREY	WALLAT, CARRIE
2008012764	BARRETT, CAITLIN VIRGINIA	12/10/2008	MANCHESTER, NH	BARRETT, MARK	BARRETT, AMY
2008013295	GUTTMAN, LEXI RAIZEL	12/20/2008	NASHUA, NH	GUTTMAN, STEVEN	GUTTMAN, HELENA
2008013215	FARR, EMMA ELIZABETH	12/23/2008	MANCHESTER, NH	FARR, DAVID	FARR, NORENE
2008013219	BERGERON, JACKSON DAVID	12/23/2008	MANCHESTER, NH	BERGERON, MATTHEW	BERGERON, CHRISTEN
2008013282	DELL'ORFANO, KAITLYN MARIE	12/25/2008	MANCHESTER, NH	DELL'ORFANO, MARK	DELL'ORFANO, CHRISTINA

Total number of records 47

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## RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2008 - 12/31/2008

-BEDFORD, NH -

SFN	Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
2008000059	GEIGER, JOAN	01/03/2008	CONCORD	LAMONTAGNE, ROMEO	GREGOIRE, CORINNE	N
2008000130	ROY, ANDREW	01/07/2008	GOFFSTOWN	ROY, ARTHUR	PLANTE, VICTORINE	N
2008000170	WITZEL, DOROTHY	01/07/2008	BEDFORD	SPECHT, CHRISTIAN	MILONE, ROSE	N
2008000186	WILUSZ, EDWARD	01/08/2008	BEDFORD	WILUSZ, WALTER	ROZ, MARY	Y
2008000231	HANSON, FLORENCE	01/11/2008	BEDFORD	BOCHINSKI, WENZEL	KAHL, MAY	N
2008000387	MARTEL, HORMIDAS	01/13/2008	BEDFORD	MARTEL, AIME	TURGEON, MELANIE	N
2008000385	BERTRAND, FLORENCE	01/16/2008	GOFFSTOWN	BOUCHARD, LEONARD	DANEAU, HERME NEGE	N
2008000497	MARCUS, MORRIS	01/18/2008	NASHUA	MARCUS, HARRY	KADIFF, BERTHA	Y
2008000579	QUINN, RITA	01/22/2008	BEDFORD	AUCLAIR, THOMAS	PARADISE, LILLIAN	N
2008000722	ALLEN, ARELI	01/26/2008	BEDFORD	CENTENO, HUMBERTO	HENRIQUEZ, FELIPA	N
2008000798	PAGE, MARINER	01/28/2008	BEDFORD	PAGE, HARVEY	UNKNOWN, ELOUISE	Y
2008000873	MCAREE, KEVIN	01/29/2008	MANCHESTER	MCAREE, HENRY	HANDRAHAN, ZITA	N
2008000888	HYLER, DORIS	02/01/2008	MANCHESTER	WOLF, SYLVESTER	ROBBINS, ROSE	N
2008000907	HEINONEN, EERO	02/02/2008	MANCHESTER	HEINONEN, MATTI	TUUKKA, JULIA	Y
2008000909	SULAIMAN, SEDDIQ	02/04/2008	BEDFORD	SULAIMAN, ABDUL	UTHMAN, THURAYA	N
2008001057	LACERTE, JANET	02/07/2008	BEDFORD	LACERTE, HERVE	LACOURSE, VIOLET	N
2008001106	DEMERS, AUREORE	02/08/2008	MANCHESTER	BELLEMORE, ELZEAR	PHILIBERT, EUPHEMIE	N
2008001205	MILTIMORE, RALPH	02/12/2008	LEBANON	MILTIMORE, RALPH	DEAKES, MARJORIE	N



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## RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2008 - 12/31/2008

-BEDFORD, NH -

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2008001246	SHAW, BEATRICE	02/14/2008	BEDFORD	CAMERON, PERLEY	CHUTE, PEARL	N
2008001403	MOORE, THELMA	02/20/2008	BEDFORD	BLACKMAN, ARTHUR	SHEPARD, RUTH	N
2008001632	POTTER, CRAIG	02/27/2008	BEDFORD	POTTER, L	HARRIS, ALMA	Y
2008001638	BOULANGER, CLAIRE	02/27/2008	MANCHESTER	BOULANGER, NAZARIE	CLOUTIER, ALICE	N
2008001730	GAMACHE, EVA	02/29/2008	BEDFORD	TRUDEAU, ALBERT	LANDRY, EVA	N
2008001789	GROTEVANT JR, FLOYD	03/01/2008	BEDFORD	GROTEVANT SR, FLOYD	VINCENT, ELLEN	Y
2008001799	PULFORD, MILDRED	03/04/2008	BEDFORD	JOHNSON, RALPH	BENZTON, HULDE	N
2008001901	GORHAM, ALICE	03/07/2008	MANCHESTER	GORHAM, PATRICK	MERRIFIELD, HELEN	N
2008001965	WATERMAN, FRANCES	03/07/2008	GOFFSTOWN	BENOIT, FRANK	SMITH, SARAH	N
2008001907	DUMONT, ARMAND	03/08/2008	BEDFORD	DUMONT, ALFRED	POIRIER, MARIEANNA	Y
2008001940	LEARY, RICHARD	03/09/2008	MANCHESTER	LEARY, JOSEPH	MORAN, HELEN	Y
2008001964	BOURBEAU, IDA	03/09/2008	MANCHESTER	BOURBEAU, OVILA	VALLEE, EVA	N
2008001980	CONWAY SR, JOSEPH	03/10/2008	MANCHESTER	CONWAY, ANTHONY	O'WALLEY, ELLEN	Y
2008002047	WALLIN SR, FRANK	03/13/2008	BEDFORD	WALLIN, JOHN	HOTCHKISS, JANE	Y
2008002096	MAGEE, EVELYN	03/13/2008	BEDFORD	DUGAS, CHARLES	SIROIS, ZELIA	N
2008002089	YOUNG, DANIEL	03/15/2008	MANCHESTER	YOUNG, WILLIAM	TANGUAY, MATILDA	N
2008002120	GILBERT, WALTINA	03/15/2008	BEDFORD	POLCHLOPEK, WALTER	ZMIEJEWSKI, STELLA	N
2008002133	BURBANK, ARDYTH	03/15/2008	BEDFORD	FILMORE, MAYNARD	POTTER, BERTHA	N

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2008002119	KENWORTHY, THOMAS	03/17/2008	MANCHESTER	KENWORTHY, GEORGE	HART, GEORGIA	Y
2008002210	LEARY, MARY	03/18/2008	BEDFORD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
2008002289	MACKIE, VIRGINIA	03/21/2008	MANCHESTER	THOMAS, LAURENCE	BAIRD, HELENA	N
2008002405	MERTENS, DONALD	03/23/2008	BEDFORD	MERTENS, JOSEPH	UNKNOWN, BEATRICE	Y
2008002469	PROULX, MARGARET	03/26/2008	BEDFORD	ATANIAN, NISHAN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
2008002622	CAMIRAND, HENRY	03/29/2008	BEDFORD	CAMIRAND, JOHN	TETREAULT, MATILDA	N
2008002640	JUTRAS, ISABELLE	03/31/2008	GOFFSTOWN	GOSS, VANCE	JOY, MARY	N
2008002717	STONE, BERTHA	04/03/2008	BEDFORD	RUBIN, LOUIS	RAVI, ESTHER	N
2008003136	KINNIBURGH, RICHARD	04/04/2008	MANCHESTER	KINNIBURGH, ROBERT	YOUNG, ELDEINE	N
2008002927	JOSLIN, CECILE	04/08/2008	BEDFORD	EMMOND, JOSEPH	GELINAS, AMANDA	N
2008003033	MORSE, BEVERLY	04/12/2008	BEDFORD	DENNIS, ALBERT	BENNETT, ELIZABETH	N
2008003070	BURNEY, SPENCER	04/13/2008	MERRIMACK	BURNEY, LAWRENCE	DAWSON, PHOEBE	Y
2008003035	NEWELL, ETHEL	04/14/2008	BEDFORD	WOODIN, CHARLES	NORRIS, SARAH	N
2008003093	LEBLANC, KRISTI	04/14/2008	BEDFORD	LECLERC, DAVID	SIDMAN, LORI	N
2008003237	FINNERAL SR, THOMAS	04/17/2008	BEDFORD	FINNERAL, PATRICK	FALLS, MARGARET	Y
2008003244	DIROCCO, VIOLA	04/20/2008	BEDFORD	TYLER, DOMENIC	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
2008003298	COSTELLO, RICHARD	04/22/2008	MANCHESTER	COSTELLO, WALTER	SHELDON, MILICENT	N
2008003331	TESSIER, LINDA	04/23/2008	MANCHESTER	DEARBORN, LIONEL	GAGNON, ANNA	N

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2008003371	MANCUSO, CECILE	04/25/2008	MANCHESTER	GARCEAU, HENRY	ROBIDOUX, LUCY	N
2008003389	SZEPAN, HENRY	04/25/2008	MANCHESTER	SZCZEPAN, FRANK	CHLUCHLA, ANNA	Y
2008003464	FOSTER, HELEN	04/28/2008	BEDFORD	PIKE, RALPH	GROVER, ALICE	U
2008003480	LEBLANC, ROLAND	04/28/2008	MANCHESTER	LEBLANC, ABEL	TERRIAULT, ELEANOR	N
2008003502	BLAIR, MARY	04/29/2008	BEDFORD	COLLINS, PATRICK	CARTY, ANNA	N
2008003557	CLAUSEN, OLAF	05/02/2008	MANCHESTER	CLAUSEN, ANUND	TROSBY, ANNE	Y
2008003655	HERSEY, GERTRUDE	05/05/2008	BEDFORD	JOHONNETT, HENRY	GILMAN, MILDRED	N
2008003784	SCHWAGER, EVAN	05/10/2008	MANCHESTER	SCHWAGER, BRIAN	GALLAGHER, JOAN	N
2008003801	BARRY, SHEILA	05/10/2008	MERRIMACK	SILVERMAN, SAMUEL	SACK, PEARL	N
2008003902	AUBIN, MAURICE	05/14/2008	BEDFORD	AUBIN, JOSEPH	DUBE, GEORGINA	Y
2008003924	LAFRENIERE, PAUL	05/15/2008	BEDFORD	LAFRENIERE, ALPHONSE	DEUSLE, AMANDA	Y
2008003963	PAPPAGEORGE, LORRAINE	05/16/2008	BEDFORD	HUDON SR, ALBERT	TURCOTTE, VIOLA	N
2008004093	POISSON, GEORGINA	05/22/2008	BEDFORD	DEWYANGAERDT, JULIEN	DEBRYKER, ODILE	N
2008004158	BOURGEOIS, YVONNE	05/24/2008	BEDFORD	DUMONT, JOSEPH	LAGACE, EMMA	N
2008004275	FONG, JOSEPH	05/25/2008	LEBANON	FONG, RICK	CHENG, GRACE	N
2008004252	POZA, KALA	05/26/2008	MANCHESTER	POZA, HUGH	HENNESSY, ELIZABETH	N
2008004301	FORD, JANET	05/28/2008	MANCHESTER	LEAVITT, HENRY	ELLIOT, CHARLOTTE	N
2008004374	LORD, MARY	06/01/2008	BEDFORD	BURPEE, BENJAMIN	BURKE, MARGUERITE	N

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2008004493	BELIVEAU, VIOLET	06/05/2008	BEDFORD	ALLAIRE, JOSEPH	BOUCHARD, VICTORIA	N
2008004604	MCCONVILLE, SARAH	06/08/2008	MERRIMACK	BOYLE, THOMAS	LEWIS, AGNES	N
2008004668	PINARD, IRENE	06/09/2008	BEDFORD	THIBAUT, ABRAHAM	BLONDEAU, DIANA	N
2008004638	JOHNSON, DAVID	06/10/2008	BEDFORD	JOHNSON, ROBERT	SAUL, HAZEL	N
2008004817	SMITH, BEATRICE	06/16/2008	BEDFORD	RIVARD, NAPOLEON	LAGASSE, MARIE	N
2008004818	PETERSON, JOSEPHINE	06/16/2008	MANCHESTER	PAKULA, VINCENT	KURKULOUS, JOSEPHINE	N
2008004934	SAYWARD, LORRAINE	06/17/2008	WINDHAM	ANDERSON, WILLIAM	OHLSO, MARIE	N
2008004872	FLYNN, NANCY	06/17/2008	BEDFORD	SARTORELLI, JAMES	SIROIS, CECILE	N
2008004876	RUSZENAS, CRYSTAL	06/19/2008	BEDFORD	ANDERSON, ROBERT	VOGT, ROSYLN	N
2008004974	HEROUX, ELIZABETH	06/20/2008	MANCHESTER	SELITTO, LOUIS	DAMATA, ELIZABETH	N
2008004985	LEBLANC, LAURETTA	06/23/2008	BEDFORD	GADBOIS, PIERRE	RENE, REBECCA	N
2008005109	UNCLES, CATHERINE	06/28/2008	MANCHESTER	FORD, JOHN	SULLIVAN, KATHERINE	N
2008005314	VOISARD, ANNA	06/28/2008	MANCHESTER	KAZANOWSKI, STANISLAW	LESNIAK, MARY	N
2008005169	CLARK, FRANCIS	06/28/2008	MANCHESTER	CLARK, JAMES	MORAN, MARY	Y
2008005345	DIONNE, JOAN	06/28/2008	BEDFORD	CHATIGNY, JOSEPH	GOUDREAU, CORINNE	N
2008005177	SHEAHAN, EDMUND	06/28/2008	BEDFORD	SHEAHAN, HAROLD	COBBETT, MARION	Y
2008005115	PEGURI, PIER	06/28/2008	MANCHESTER	PEGURI, AILIO	DELSANTO, MARIA	N
2008005118	BIELAWA, ALICE	06/29/2008	BEDFORD	DENNIS, ROBERT	O'MAILEY, MARY	N



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2008005143	SPENCER, ISABELLE	06/29/2008	MANCHESTER	WHITE, EDWARD	ROACH, BELLA	N
2008005184	LUCIA, JANE	06/30/2008	CONCORD	DEMARCHI, FRANCIS	SACCO, LOUISE	N
2008005240	LANCIAULT, BERTRAND	07/04/2008	MANCHESTER	LANCIAULT, BERTRAND	LAPLANTE, MARION	N
2008005360	SPIVACK, PEARL	07/04/2008	BEDFORD	ITZKOWITZ, ABRAHAM	GOODFLEISCH, FANNY	N
2008005354	NOLL, IRENE	07/06/2008	BEDFORD	LEFEBVRE, WILFRID	ALLISON, LILLIAN	N
2008005407	NORAIG, JANET	07/09/2008	HUDSON	NICHOLS, ERNEST	PALANSKI, SOPHIE	N
2008005515	BOULANGER, PAUL	07/12/2008	MANCHESTER	BOULANGER, LOUIS	MICHAUD, THERESE	N
2008005631	KELLEY, CARMELA	07/18/2008	BEDFORD	TUZZOLINO, JOSEPH	LOPRATO, FRANCES	N
2008005676	BEAUDOIN, CECILE	07/20/2008	BEDFORD	LESSARD, HERMENE GILE	GAGNE, FLORENCE	N
2008005799	WHEELER, JOAN	07/24/2008	BEDFORD	HUTCHINSON, PAUL	STRONACH, DORIS	N
2008005836	DYNAK, STELLA	07/24/2008	BEDFORD	GEORGE, COSTAS	TSAKNAKIS, EFTHEMIA	N
2008005899	LAPIERRE, DONALD	07/26/2008	BEDFORD	LAPIERRE, WILLIAM	GIRARD, ALMA	Y
2008005974	CHRISTY, JAMES	07/31/2008	BEDFORD	CHRISTY, STRATES	PAPPAS, MARY	Y
2008006004	KOMISAREK, DANIEL	08/02/2008	BEDFORD	KOMISAREK, JOSEPH	PIASTA, LOUISE	N
2008006099	BROOKS, MARY	08/03/2008	BEDFORD	CARTER, PHILLIP	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
2008006063	ALLEN, RICHARD	08/04/2008	NASHUA	ALLEN, LELAND	FIFE, JEANNETTE	Y
2008006087	STONE, WILLIAM	08/04/2008	MERRIMACK	STONE, HENRY	MCCARTHY, CATHERINE	Y
2008006088	LAFOND, ISABELLA	08/04/2008	MANCHESTER	KOCZELA, IGNACY	DUSZA, VICTORIA	N

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2008006094	VACCO, PASQUALE	08/04/2008	BEDFORD	VACCO, AMADEO	RUGGIERO, SABBA	N
2008006146	CARTER, CAROL	08/04/2008	BEDFORD	CARTER, CRAWFORD	BENOIT, FRANCES	N
2008006117	LECLERC, MAURICE	08/05/2008	BEDFORD	LECLERC, VICTOR	ALLARD, MERELDA	N
2008006126	GRIFFIN, CAROL	08/05/2008	CONCORD	ST HILAIRE, LAURETTE	CONNOR, FRANCIS	U
2008006196	PARKER, SHARON	08/07/2008	BEDFORD	BOURGEOIS, ROBERT	DONNELLY, ANNA MARIE	N
2008006195	SEDGWICK, NORMA	08/09/2008	BEDFORD	BROEK, RUTGER	DOWNY, PAULINE	N
2008006210	CHAPMAN, RICHARD	08/09/2008	MERRIMACK	CHAPMAN, FRED	DWYER, ELEANOR	Y
2008006430	LEMAY, LIONEL	08/19/2008	BEDFORD	LEMAY, EUGENE	LEMAY, ALDEA	N
2008006446	TUTTLE, ELEANOR	08/20/2008	MANCHESTER	PHILPOTT, GROVER	HOWARTH, ELIZABETH	N
2008006534	MURRAY, BEVERLY	08/22/2008	BEDFORD	FRENCH, BENJAMIN	FINN, ANN	N
2008006585	BARRY, LOUISE	08/23/2008	BEDFORD	LEVESQUE, LEO	BROUSSEAU, LORETTA	N
2008006786	HUNTER, JACQUELINE	08/31/2008	MANCHESTER	DE MARS, GEORGE	LANE, ROSEMARIE	N
2008006844	HEINEMANN, GEORGE	09/02/2008	MERRIMACK	HEINEMANN, GEORGE	BARRETT, EULALIE	Y
2008006938	FARNHAM, ROBERT	09/07/2008	BEDFORD	FARNHAM, SIMPKIN	CASS, HATTIE	Y
2008006958	SULLIVAN, GERMAINE	09/09/2008	BEDFORD	TELLIER, EMILE	LEMAY, MARIE ANGE	N
2008007047	LEMAY, ANTOINETTE	09/10/2008	BEDFORD	TURCOTTE, GEORGE	BOISVERT, DELAROSA	N
2008007094	LAVOIE, DAVID	09/12/2008	BEDFORD	LAVOIE, ALBANIE	BOUTHETTE, RITA	Y
2008007380	BREINING, BRUCE	09/23/2008	BEDFORD	BREINING, BRUCE	MCCARTHY, MARGARET	Y

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2008007537	LANDRY, PATRICIA	09/27/2008	BEDFORD	LANDRY, FRANCIS	BODWELL, FRANCES	N
2008007518	PARIS, MARION	09/28/2008	BEDFORD	BUXTON, ROY	HALL, IRENE	N
2008007720	LAFOUNTAIN, DONNA	10/04/2008	MANCHESTER	LABOMBARD, WILLIS	BRAMAN, RUTH	N
2008007772	STEBBINS, HERBERT	10/08/2008	HOOKSETT	STEBBINS, BLANCHARD	HOLMES, DORIS	Y
2008007951	GIKAS, CHRISTOS	10/15/2008	MANCHESTER	GIKAS, STEPHEN	GOULAS, APHRODITE	Y
2008007994	MARQUIS, SERGE	10/16/2008	MANCHESTER	MARQUIS, OSCAR	CHALOUX, AURORE	Y
2008008123	MORRISSETTE, LUCILLE	10/20/2008	MANCHESTER	PEPIN, HERVE	LACOMBE, SARAH	N
2008008310	HELIE, GEORGE	10/27/2008	MANCHESTER	HELIE, ARTHUR	LACOMBE, CLAUDIA	Y
2008008309	HUTCHINS, EDO	10/29/2008	MANCHESTER	RAMSAY, CHARLES	COOK, EDO	N
2008008340	LORD, ROBERT	10/28/2008	BEDFORD	LORD, CHARLES	ROBERTS, KATE	Y
2008008450	SMITH, FRANK	10/30/2008	BEDFORD	SMITH, FRANK	GRIFFING, MAE	Y
2008008421	DONOVAN, HELEN	11/01/2008	BEDFORD	MCGRATH, EDWARD	KEATING, MARGARET	N
2008008445	MITCHELL, ANNA	11/01/2008	MANCHESTER	HARWOOD, ARTHUR	ROUSE, RUTH	N
2008008449	SPYRIDAKIS, HELEN	11/01/2008	BEDFORD	GIGIS, PAUL	KAZARAPAKE, SOPHIA	N
2008008505	FINE, CARYL	11/01/2008	BEDFORD	SMITH, ALBERT	FOSTER, JOAN	N
2008008506	JOYNER, SHIRLEY	11/03/2008	MANCHESTER	MCMINTOSH, JAMES	MURPHY, FRANCES	N
2008008662	SAVWARD, NORMA	11/08/2008	MANCHESTER	KASTNER, WILLIAM	HORNUNG, MARIA	N
2008008672	BERGERON, JEANNETTE	11/09/2008	BEDFORD	MASSON, WILLIE	CHEVALIER, EVA	N

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2008008772	LAZARAKIS, HARRIET	11/12/2008	BEDFORD	SINTROS, JAMES	PAPPAGIANIS, HELEN	N
2008008794	LECCESE, THERESA	11/13/2008	BEDFORD	SALEMI, SABASTIANO	UNKNOWN, GIUSSIPPINA	N
2008008808	BOOKER, GLADYS	11/13/2008	BEDFORD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, SARAH	N
2008008913	SMALL, ALICE	11/17/2008	BEDFORD	FAIGNANT, HENRY	HIER, CARRIE	N
2008008908	HUOT, PAUL	11/18/2008	MERRIMACK	HUOT, OVILA	HAMEL, ROSEANNA	Y
2008008919	DORGAN, STEPHEN	11/18/2008	LEBANON	DORGAN SR, JOHN	LANEN, ESTHER	Y
2008008946	ROBINSON, ROSEMARIE	11/20/2008	BEDFORD	BROCHU, WILLIAM	GUILBEAULT, ALMA	N
2008008988	SMITH, EUNICE	11/20/2008	GOFFSTOWN	TATE, HOWARD	HAMEL, MAUDE	N
2008009032	MCCARTHY, LUCILLE	11/21/2008	BEDFORD	RUSSELL, DANIEL	CUNNINGHAM, ANNIE	N
2008009137	ROLLINS, ROGER	11/25/2008	BEDFORD	ROLLINS, ROGER	KERR, MARJORIE	Y
2008009163	READEY, LEONA	11/25/2008	GOFFSTOWN	SWAIN, DUDLEY	POLAND, MAYO	N
2008009106	LAMBERT, ANITA	11/26/2008	BEDFORD	YACHON, ARTHUR	FOURNIER, REINA	N
2008009138	BEAUCHEMIN, ROSE	11/26/2008	MANCHESTER	SMALL, EDMUND	RICE, SHIRLEY	N
2008009174	BOUCHARD, MARTHA	11/27/2008	MANCHESTER	PARKER, ALBERT	PURINTON, ANNIE	N
2008009167	STEPHEN, FRIEDA	11/28/2008	BEDFORD	WHBY, DAVID	DAGHER, SUSAN	N
2008009285	MORRIS, MARY	12/01/2008	BEDFORD	BOGGESE, ELWOOD	NUNNEKER, ELSIE	N
2008009256	POOLE, THOMAS	12/01/2008	MANCHESTER	POOLE, THOMAS	LORD, EVELYN	Y
2008009418	DESCHENEAU, ROGER	12/04/2008	MANCHESTER	DESCHENEAU, ROBERT	ROULEAU, CLAIRE	Y



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2008009352	RHEAUME, ROSIE	12/05/2008	MANCHESTER	ENGBERG, JOHN	NELSON, URSULA	N
2008009425	EHRlich, JAMES	12/07/2008	MERRIMACK	EHRlich JR, EDWARD	LAWRENCE, JANET	N
2008009624	GRENON, COLLETTE	12/12/2008	MANCHESTER	MORIN, JOSEPH	GAMACHE, EVA	N
2008009724	GILLUM, MARIE	12/18/2008	MANCHESTER	BUTTS, FREDERICK	RAY, DORIS	N
2008009726	PINARD, CECILE	12/18/2008	BEDFORD	DENEAU, JOSEPH	GRENIER, CLARINA	N
2008009770	OUELLETTE, ROGER	12/19/2008	MANCHESTER	OUELLETTE, DENNIS	BOUCHARD, ANNA	Y
2008009743	HERSON, SHELLEY	12/19/2008	MERRIMACK	HERSON, OTTO	ERENREICH, ESTHER	Y
2008009804	BENNETT, IRENE	12/19/2008	BEDFORD	FOWLER, ROBERT	YOUNG, MARY	N
2008009766	STONE, CLAIRE	12/20/2008	BEDFORD	ABERCROMBIE, JOHN	SNOW, PHYLLIS	N
2008009949	ROBOTTI, CHARLES	12/21/2008	BEDFORD	ROBOTTI, FRANK	CALTERA, CAROLINE	Y
2008009851	CARD, ALBERT	12/23/2008	MANCHESTER	CARD, ARTHUR	CALLAHAN, AGNES	Y
2008009964	PHIPPS, RUBY	12/24/2008	BEDFORD	SUNDEEN, CALEB	LINDH, OLGA	N
2008009967	LORD, THERESE	12/26/2008	BEDFORD	CHOQUINARD, REMI	CARIGNAN, EVA	N
2008009980	GOUMAS, JAMES	12/26/2008	MANCHESTER	GOUMAS, ANTHONY	CHIPIS, ALEXANDRIA	N
2008009979	RICHARDSON, MARJORIE	12/26/2008	BEDFORD	ESTEY, GEORGE	RITCHIE, SARAH	N
2008009939	MCCALL, MARGARET	12/28/2008	BEDFORD	RICHARD, LAWRENCE	EYRIS, MARGARET	N
2008010077	LAVALLEE, ROLAND	12/30/2008	BEDFORD	LAVALLEE, GEORGE	MARIER, ALIDA	N
2008010144	JARDULLO, PHILLIP	12/31/2008	NASHUA	JARDULLO, DOMINIC	CHIOCCA, ANGELINA	N

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SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2008000140	FORBUSH EDWARD F	BEDFORD, NH	TODD, SANDRA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/12/2008
2008000206	TAYLOR, BENJAMEN	BEDFORD, NH	D'BAROLO SARAH L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/19/2008
2008000529	ROBERTSON, JAMES R	BEDFORD, NH	CONCEPCION, KAREN	FALL RIVER, MA	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/17/2008
2008000763	THONET, JOHN L	BEDFORD, NH	REILLY, PATRICIA	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/12/2008
2008000788	BAH, MAMADU B	BEDFORD, NH	KANTE, BARRY	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	03/14/2008
2008000805	HOLIMAN, NICHOLAS J	BEDFORD, NH	SANTOS, JOANN Q	NASHUA, NH	NASHUA	NASHUA	03/17/2008
2008000966	HIERS, BENJAMIN J	BEDFORD, NH	LACASSE, JILL M	LONDON DERRY, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/22/2008
2008001151	SOUCY, KEVIN P	BEDFORD, NH	RYAN, MELISSA A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/05/2008
2008001285	AMBROSE, PETER A	BEDFORD, NH	AMBROSE, KRISTEN A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	04/18/2008
2008001385	LENNON, JEFFREY P	BEDFORD, NH	ROBITAILLE, LAUREN M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/25/2008
2008001429	HAYNES, DAVID J	BEDFORD, NH	MAILLOT, DELPHINE	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/29/2008
2008001644	LYDSTONE, DANA W	BEDFORD, NH	CASTROGIOVANNI, ELIZABETH	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	05/03/2008
2008001688	MASSE, MICHAEL R	BEDFORD, NH	MCLEROY, MICHELE L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	SANBORNTON	05/03/2008
2008001672	BRECHT, CRAIG	BEDFORD, NH	FISCHER, CAROL A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NEW CASTLE	05/10/2008
2008002023	KAWONCZYK, PATRICK J	LOUDON, NH	HARRINGTON, CHANTAL M	BEDFORD, NH	CONCORD	CONCORD	05/23/2008
2008002079	WOOLDRIDGE, KEVIN D	CHESTER, NH	PAPKE, ALICIA A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/25/2008
2008002030	PINTO, PAULO J	BEDFORD, NH	GEDDES, AMY L	BEDFORD, NH	HUDSON	HUDSON	05/25/2008
2008002218	MILLER, ROBERT H	BEDFORD, NH	BILODEAU, ERIN E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	06/03/2008
2008002510	DUHAIME, KEVIN P	BEDFORD, NH	WOOD, MEGAN M	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	06/07/2008
2008002721	FARAH, MICHAEL E	BEDFORD, NH	LANDA, STEPHANIE M	BEDFORD, NH	CONCORD	CONCORD	06/13/2008
2008002736	BUCHANAN, RYAN F	TAMPA, FL	ASHLEY, CAROLYN C	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/13/2008
2008003127	GOEDECKE, HERBERT A	BEDFORD, NH	WITHROW, VIKTORIA G	WOBURN, MA	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	06/21/2008
2008003136	MORENCY, KEITH R	BEDFORD, NH	ERWIN, KRISTY E	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCHESTER	CANDIA	06/21/2008
2008002937	ALEXANDER, JUSTIN R	BEDFORD, NH	MCANNEY, TINA M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NORTH CONWAY	06/22/2008
2008003271	ENRIGHT, KEITH R	HUDSON, NH	CARON, RUTH A	BEDFORD, NH	HUDSON	LITCHFIELD	06/25/2008
2008003173	MOORE, KENDALL L	BEDFORD, NH	CHIN, IRENE	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/28/2008
2008003128	DEMERS, CHRISTOPHER J	BEDFORD, NH	FOGG, GILLYEN M	FRANCESTOWN, NH	BEDFORD	CONWAY	06/29/2008
2008003484	HUNTER, JOHN P	BEDFORD, NH	NEGOWETTI, NICOLE E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/05/2008
2008003606	SMART, COLM A	BEDFORD, NH	KEY, KATHRYN R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/12/2008
2008003704	RATTIGAN, KELLEN P	BEDFORD, NH	RICHARD, LINDA P	DERRY, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/12/2008
2008003706	GEISELMAN, HARRY T	BEDFORD, NH	HUDDLESTON, CHERYL P	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/13/2008
2008003877	HAWORTH, JONATHAN T	BEDFORD, NH	MARTIN, JENNIFER L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	07/19/2008
2008004792	RIZZO, STEVEN	BEDFORD, NH	CASASANTA, CHERYL A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/08/2008
2008004967	SPACE, JEFFREY T	BEDFORD, NH	NORTHUP, AMY C	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	RYE	08/09/2008
2008005342	PRESTIPINO, MARK P	BEDFORD, NH	TOMAI, ELIZABETH B	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/16/2008
2008005155	BYRNE, JOHN N	BEDFORD, NH	WOLF, ANGELA M	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCHESTER	DERRY	08/17/2008

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2008 - 12/31/2008

-- BEDFORD --

SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2008005495	ROUSSEAU, BRADLEY K	BEDFORD, NH	HUTCHINS, ASHLEY A	WOLFEBORO, NH	SALEM	LANCASTER	08/23/2008
2008005696	ST ONGE, WILLIAM B	BEDFORD, NH	HENRY, KAY L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NEW BOSTON	08/28/2008
2008005690	ROUX, DENNIS P	BEDFORD, NH	LEFEBVRE, MARLETTE C	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HENNIKER	08/30/2008
2008005817	SANFORD, ROBERT M	BEDFORD, NH	HARTMAN, AMY M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/05/2008
2008006059	BUSCHMANN, MICHAEL D	BEDFORD, NH	O'NEIL, AMY L	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MOULTONBOROUGH	09/06/2008
2008006159	MARKIEWICZ, TODD C	BEDFORD, NH	ST CYR, HEATHER L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/12/2008
2008006363	SUTTER, KEVIN G	BEDFORD, NH	PETRUCCELLI, TRACY M	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	09/13/2008
2008006418	RASP, CHAD D	BEDFORD, NH	CUSHING, ERICKA J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/19/2008
2008006473	GAPPENS, JERRY K	BEDFORD, NH	LANGE, LUCY C	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/21/2008
2008007017	RIVARD, ALBERT A	MANCHESTER, NH	TULLIS, LETITIA T	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	09/27/2008
2008007016	THERRIEN, ADAM H	BEDFORD, NH	PAYSON, REBECCA E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HOPKINTON	09/27/2008
2008007070	SHEEHAN, MICHAEL R	BEDFORD, NH	FOLTZ, KRISTYN M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	10/04/2008
2008008135	TURBE, PHILIP L	BEDFORD, NH	MCIVER, COURTNEY L	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	10/11/2008
2008007607	KUHN, SCOTT E	BEDFORD, NH	DOUCETTE, ANNETTE M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/12/2008
2008007724	BLAINE, AARON M	BEDFORD, NH	HOLLINRAKE, SARA M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	PELHAM	10/17/2008
2008007554	FOLEY, BRIAN F	BEDFORD, NH	BEATON, ALISON M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	PORTSMOUTH	10/18/2008
2008007896	MARTEL, JACOB M	BEDFORD, NH	ORME, ANDREA R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HUDSON	10/22/2008
2008007899	MATSON, MATTHEW J	BEDFORD, NH	GILMARTIN, LEIGH M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/25/2008
2008008391	WEILBRENNER, KENNETH R	BEDFORD, NH	SMALL, AGNES I	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	11/14/2008
2008008358	JOYAL, DONALD P	BEDFORD, NH	GRAHAM, MELISSA J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	DERRY	11/15/2008
2008008390	THORNTON, SHANE E	BEDFORD, NH	GEORGE, CATHY M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HANCOCK	11/22/2008
2008008931	RIVINIUS, GREGG W	BEDFORD, NH	DRISCOLL, EMILY V	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/27/2008
2008008962	BLAZAK, THADDEUS J	BEDFORD, NH	GERVAIS, KATIE J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	STRATHAM	12/31/2008

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RESIDENT CIVIL UNION REPORT

01/01/2008 - 12/31/2008

-- BEDFORD --

SFN	Person A Name	Person A Residence	Person B Name	Person B Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Civil Union	Date of Civil Union
2008000024	DELL,SUSAN J	BEDFORD,NH	MULLEN,SUSAN M	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	01/01/2008
2008000169	FRANKEL,NANCY E	BEDFORD,NH	ATWELL,MARY E	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/26/2008
2008000186	GOTT,JANIS E	BEDFORD,NH	FERBER,KARIN L	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/13/2008
2008000188	PIERCE,DIANE M	BEDFORD,NH	CLARK,MARIELOUISE	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/15/2008
2008000321	MANNERS,PENNY A	BEDFORD,NH	MCGRATH,PATRICIA M	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	05/17/2008
2008000333	MUIR,DEBORAH A	BEDFORD,NH	PALISOUL,JENA E	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/17/2008
2008000352	GREENWOOD,MICHELLE J	BEDFORD,NH	SCANLAN,JENNIFER A	BEDFORD,NH	NASHUA	BETHLEHEM	05/31/2008
2008000481	RADCLIFFE,RUSSELL F	BEDFORD,NH	WELLS,ISAIAH J	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/22/2008
2008000562	ANDERSON,DEBORAH K	BEDFORD,NH	HARDING,NANCY LEE P	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/11/2008
2008000607	MERIDETH,LAURA A	BEDFORD,NH	STEEL,HARMONY L	RUMNEY,NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	12/10/2008

Total number of records 10

# **Town of Bedford**



**2009**

**Municipal Warrant**

**And**

**Budget Summary**



## 2009 MUNICIPAL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bedford Middle/High School on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4. Polls are to close no later than 7:00 p.m. Action on Article 5 will be held at the Budgetary Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bedford Middle/High School (47 Nashua Road).

### Article 1. Election of Town Officers

To elect 3 Town Councilors for three-year terms, 1 Library Trustee for a three-year term and 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three-year term.

### Article 2. To see how the Town will vote on

#### Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 45-2 DEFINITIONS, to amend Article 45-4-2 USE REGULATIONS, to amend Article 45-6 CLUSTER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, and to amend Appendix 45-A: Table of Uses, all of which are summarized as follows:

**To create new definitions and sections that allow for the reasonable and realistic opportunity for the development of Workforce Housing.**

[This amendment is intended to make the Town compliant with a new State law that requires all municipalities to provide for reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of Workforce Housing in their zoning ordinances. Failure to adopt an amendment may allow for developers to have their projects approved through the court system anywhere in town with little or no public input and without approval of the Planning Board. The complete text of the 3-page amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's Website.]

#### Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to renumber Article 45-15 to Article 45-16, to renumber Article 45-16 to Article 45-17 and to add new Article 45-15 summarized as follows:

### **To create new Article 45-15 Small Wind Energy Systems**

[This amendment is intended to regulate small scale wind turbines as defined in a new 2008 State law by limiting the number of such systems to one per lot, by limiting height of such systems to 120 feet, to require them to be setback from property lines and abutting structures and to meet certain noise and shadow requirements. The complete text of the 7-page amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's Website.]

#### Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance by adding the words in bold as follows:

To amend Article 45-11-1 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR SIGNAGE, Section (J) Internally lighted panels shall be opaque and only the lettering and **graphics** shall appear to be lighted.

[This amendment is intended as housekeeping to be consistent with how the ordinance has historically been applied.]

#### Amendment No. 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance by adding the words in bold as follows:

To amend Article 45-11-1 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR SIGNAGE, by adding new Section (o) **When a sign panel is re-faced the new panel must comply with the opacity regulations of Section (j).**

[This amendment is intended as a housekeeping matter to emphasize that when signs are re-faced that they must remain compliant or come into compliance with the Town's requirement regarding opacity.]

### **Article 3. Issuance of Long Term Debt for Reconstruction of Local Roads**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed twelve million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$12,900,000) for the purpose of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Town roads, twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) of which to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with



the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and up to nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) of which to come from interest earnings on the investment of these bond proceeds and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto.

(This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.)  
(Sponsored by Town Council)

Explanation: The issuance of this long-term debt will address major concerns regarding the continuation of our town road reconstruction and rehabilitation program which began in 2003. All funds will be used solely to continue the Town roads program. The \$900,000 of interest earnings is contingent upon current market conditions during the life of the bond.

#### THE TOWN COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

#### Article 4. Issuance of Debt for Rt. 101/Nashua Road Project

To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,000,000 for the purpose of making improvements to the Nashua Road Intersection with N.H. Rte. 101, including a traffic signal, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 of debt in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and to authorize the Town Council to enter into an agreement with the State of New Hampshire wherein the State will guarantee to pay 2/3 of the cost of the project in the State's fiscal year 2012, and the Town would pay 1/3 of the cost, plus interest; and to authorize the Council to issue and negotiate such financing which may include the issuance of bonds or notes as may be appropriate and to determine the rate of interest thereon. No expenditure under this article may be made without first securing a written agreement with the State, which guarantees the cost sharing arrangements provided for herein or guaranteed funding through the federal stimulus package. (This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.)  
(Sponsored by Town Council.)

Explanation: The issuance of debt or financing of this project will address the construction of Phase 1 of this intersection on Rt. 101, including a traffic signal. No expenditure under this article may be made without first securing an agreement with the state guaranteeing the cost sharing arrangements provided for herein. In addition, should this project be funded through the

federal stimulus package, no expenditure under this article may be made until guarantee of such funding is secured.

#### TOWN ARTICLE 5 WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE BUDGETARY TOWN MEETING ON MARCH 4, 2009 AT THE BEDFORD MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (47 Nashua Road).

#### Article 5. - Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$22,037,449
Police Special Detail	488,010
Recreation Day Camp	149,634
Bedford Comm. TV	378,337
Special Revenue Funds	57,500
Sewer Fund	1,485,121
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b><u>\$24,596,051</u></b>

The Town Council approved this warrant on February 2, 2009.

Given under our hands and seal this 2nd day of February, 2009.

**Mike Izbicki, Chairman**  
**Bob Young, Vice Chairman**

#### 2009 Town Council - Proposed Budget Summary

**There is an estimated tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$0.07 to support the 2009 budget. The estimated Town portion of the tax rate is \$3.88 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.** Highlighted below are the projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that will continue to allow for the quality service that the residents of Bedford have come to expect. Additional costs in the budget are funded through cost savings elsewhere and new revenues.

- The **Town Council** budget includes \$924,000 for the acquisition of land, if a parcel becomes available during the year. This amount is totally offset by revenue.
- The **Election and Voter Registration** overall budget decrease in both budgets is due to a decrease in the number of elections in 2009. (1 versus 4 in 2008)
- The **Information Technology** budget includes funding for the replacement of various computers and equipment as recommended by the Information





Technology Master Plan accepted by the Town Council. This budget also includes partial funding of \$237,000 for replacement of the finance software suite and \$13,000 to be deposited into Capital Reserve accounts.

- The **Assessing** budget includes \$15,000 to re-establish the capital reserve for a commercial reassessment (scheduled for 2012).
- The **Planning Department** budget includes \$17,500 to re-establish the capital reserve for a Town-wide master plan next scheduled for 2020.
- The **Payroll Adjustment** budget includes \$49,200 for a longevity benefit for non-union personnel already received by union personnel. This makes the longevity benefit equal among all employees.
- The **Fund Balance Reserve** budget was established in 2005 to address the long-term financial stability of the town and funding continues in 2009 with an appropriation of \$430,000.
- The **Police Administration** budget includes \$30,000 for anticipated police grants. The grants are offset completely by revenue.
- The **Police Communications** budget includes full year funding for the Records Clerk position added in the 2008 budget per the MRI study (\$27k additional over 2008). This budget also includes an \$18,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the future replacement of the dispatch radio console.
- The **Police Patrol** budget includes full year funding for the Lieutenant position added in the 2008 budget per the MRI study (\$44k additional over 2008). This budget also includes a \$9,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the replacement of portable radios.
- The **Police Detective** budget includes full year funding of the Detective position added in the 2008 budget per the MRI study \$32k additional over 2008).
- The **Fire Administration** budget includes \$98,000 for anticipated fire grants. Revenues offset this budget item.
- The **Fire Operations** budget includes funding to reclassify a Captain position to Deputy Chief position as per the MRI study and \$200,000 for deposits to various Capital Reserve accounts for the future replacement of capital equipment and vehicles. (capital reserve details on page 12)
- The **Public Works Local Road Maintenance** budget includes \$1,000,000 for local road maintenance. The previously issued road bond is now expended or otherwise committed, therefore the local road maintenance will not have additional

future supplements unless and until another road bond is approved.

- The **Public Works Highway** budget includes \$155,000 for the replacement of a front end loader, which is offset by a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$119,540. The budget also includes \$226,000 for the purchase of two dump trucks and \$26,000 for the purchase of a pickup truck, which is offset by a capital reserve withdrawal of \$23,247. There is an additional \$238,000 budgeted to be deposited into various Capital Reserve accounts. (capital reserve details on page 12)
- The **Transfer Station** budget includes \$60,000 for Capital Reserve deposits for replacement of the backhoe and future transfer station improvements.
- The **Recreation Field** budget includes \$35,000 for Capital Reserve deposits for equipment replacement.
- The **Library** budget includes approximately \$12,000 for wages/benefits to increase a full time position from 30 to 40 hours per week (adding 520 additional hours). There is also \$15,000 for interior painting, offset by capital reserves of \$13,835 and \$25,000 for well replacement, offset by capital reserves of \$22,900. The budget also includes \$31,900 for deposits to various capital reserve accounts. (capital reserve details on page 12)
- The **Conservation Commission** budget includes \$478,137 towards the purchase of conservation land if any becomes available. This amount is offset by revenue.
- The **Debt Service** budget includes all debt service principal and interest payments of the general fund previously budgeted for under the corresponding departments including Safety Complex, Local Road Maintenance, Transfer Station and Library.

**Tax Effect of Budget Increases/Decreases:**

\$ Change to Budget	\$ Tax Impact	Additional \$ Cost to Taxpayer with:		
		\$300k	\$400k	\$500k
25,000	0.008	2.25	3.00	3.75
50,000	0.015	4.50	6.01	7.51
75,000	0.023	6.76	9.01	11.26
100,000	0.030	9.01	12.01	15.01
250,000	0.075	22.52	30.03	37.53
500,000	0.150	45.04	60.05	75.06
750,000	0.225	67.56	90.08	112.60
1,000,000	0.300	90.08	120.10	150.13

**Town of Bedford, New Hampshire**  
2009 Municipal Budget

**ALL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS**

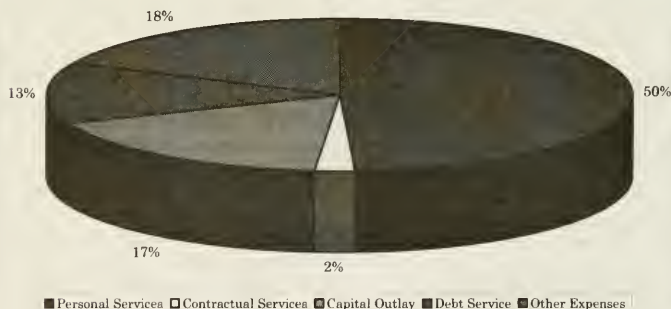
**Appropriations by Function**

Description	2007 Prior Year Actual	2008 Current Year Budget	2009 Council Recommended	Dollar Change	% Change
<b>General Fund</b>					
Administration	853,698	1,674,950	1,964,238	289,288	17.27%
Town Clerk & Elections	109,891	172,213	108,316	(63,897)	-37.10%
Financial Administration	2,420,456	3,132,891	3,018,769	(114,122)	-3.64%
Buildings & Grounds	953,134	713,174	688,461	(24,713)	-3.47%
Planning & Zoning	338,201	921,700	823,253	(98,447)	-10.68%
Police	2,939,191	3,258,557	3,458,581	200,024	6.14%
Fire	2,823,287	2,949,983	3,104,680	154,697	5.24%
Public Works	4,529,823	4,543,060	4,773,814	230,754	5.08%
Recreation	222,178	229,750	220,602	(9,148)	-3.98%
Library	803,272	878,530	957,061	78,531	8.94%
Debt Service	3,126,159	3,001,622	2,919,674	(81,948)	-2.73%
<b>Total for Division</b>	<b>\$ 19,119,289</b>	<b>\$ 21,476,430</b>	<b>\$ 22,037,449</b>	<b>\$ 561,019</b>	<b>2.61%</b>

**Appropriations by Budget Category**

Description	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Council Proposed	Dollar Change	% Change
Personal Services	9,357,424	10,499,286	10,807,223	307,937	2.93%
Contractual Services	464,411	615,709	542,382	(73,327)	-11.91%
Capital Outlay	2,673,439	3,629,819	3,808,604	178,785	4.93%
Debt Service	3,126,159	3,001,622	2,919,674	(81,948)	-2.73%
Other Expenses	3,497,855	3,729,994	3,959,566	229,572	6.15%
<b>Total Department - All GF</b>	<b>\$ 19,119,289</b>	<b>\$ 21,476,430</b>	<b>\$ 22,037,449</b>	<b>\$ 561,019</b>	<b>2.61%</b>

**2009 Expenditures by Budget Category**  
**All General Fund Departments**



**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
2009 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS**

\*\* Year-to-Date figures are Preliminary (Unaudited) \*\*

DEPARTMENT	2008 WORKING BUDGET	2008 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/08	2009 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2009 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
TOWN COUNCIL	966,580	17,825	1,016,580	951,580
TOWN MANAGER	225,852	220,189	268,735	268,735
ELECTION	55,280	49,622	9,331	4,221
VOTER REGISTRATION	31,023	29,945	13,139	12,985
TAX COLLECTOR	141,472	142,159	144,705	144,705
TOWN CLERK	85,910	82,173	93,297	91,110
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	326,894	317,856	342,616	322,616
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	348,074	337,564	351,223	582,723
ASSESSING	201,023	184,676	184,654	179,654
LEGAL EXPENSE	65,000	46,113	65,000	65,000
PLANNING BOARD	26,532	12,159	26,533	26,533
ZONING BOARD	6,081	3,992	6,070	6,070
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	1,463	900	1,455	1,455
PLANNING	395,946	382,771	294,583	294,583
TOWN HALL	18,784	18,590	18,500	18,500
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	223,627	244,785	228,007	227,982
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	278,999	279,938	139,264	129,064
CEMETERIES	18,790	17,581	18,790	25,330
INSURANCE	1,691,745	1,587,931	1,796,592	1,812,134
NH MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	17,000	17,233	17,000	17,000
SOUTHERN NH PLANNING	13,100	13,096	13,140	13,140
MANCHESTER TRANSIT AUTHORITY	43,200	43,200	43,200	43,200
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	3,000	2,171	3,000	1,000
PAYROLL ADJUSTMENTS	261,141	261,141	99,200	49,200
FUND BALANCE RESERVE	430,000	430,000	430,000	430,000
UNALLOCATED RESERVE	59,610	28,022	65,000	85,000
<b>POLICE</b>				
Administration	399,053	395,594	553,150	515,350
Communications	535,918	513,957	553,852	553,852
Patrol	1,641,051	1,657,876	1,765,698	1,683,991
Detectives	643,609	599,367	666,638	666,638
Animal Control	38,376	38,155	38,750	38,750
<b>Subtotal Police</b>	<b>\$ 3,258,007</b>	<b>\$ 3,204,948</b>	<b>\$ 3,678,078</b>	<b>\$ 3,468,581</b>
<b>FIRE</b>				
Administration	291,616	286,424	347,643	350,393
Operations	2,235,062	2,284,958	2,278,249	2,314,789
Building Inspection	147,458	149,645	153,246	153,246
Health Department	27,947	21,527	28,352	28,352
Hydrant Rental	247,900	238,879	257,900	257,900
<b>Subtotal Fire</b>	<b>\$ 2,949,983</b>	<b>\$ 2,981,433</b>	<b>\$ 3,065,890</b>	<b>\$ 3,104,680</b>

*Please note: YTD Expenditures shown here are preliminary and not complete. There are various 2008 expenses not yet included and year end audit adjustments/transfers have not been completed. Therefore, the figures presented here will be adjusted during the audit process*

**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
2009 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS**

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DEPARTMENT	2008 WORKING BUDGET	2008 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/08	2009 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2009 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
Administration	272,025	268,308	316,509	316,509
Local Road Maintenance	3,560,400	3,554,133	1,000,000	1,000,000
Highway	1,742,209	1,778,168	1,866,117	1,864,617
Winter Maintenance	455,702	589,784	551,618	521,618
Traffic Control	81,500	81,059	81,500	81,500
Solid Waste	1,142,783	1,088,583	991,170	989,570
Subtotal Public Works	<b>\$ 7,264,619</b>	<b>\$ 7,360,036</b>	<b>\$ 4,806,914</b>	<b>\$ 4,773,814</b>
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	15,000	6,221	15,000	15,000
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY	8,805	6,400	9,910	15,460
<b>RECREATION</b>				
Administration	47,013	28,800	91,949	91,949
Programs	92,291	89,320	44,194	44,194
Pool	85,863	71,558	92,991	81,959
Fields	308,735	301,627	282,385	287,585
Subtotal Recreation	<b>\$ 533,902</b>	<b>\$ 491,304</b>	<b>\$ 511,519</b>	<b>\$ 506,687</b>
LIBRARY	1,036,111	1,009,717	946,235	957,061
TOWN EVENTS	2,500	2,898	2,500	2,500
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	481,377	4,401	481,472	481,472
DEBT SERVICE	-	-	2,919,674	2,919,674
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 21,476,430</b>	<b>\$ 19,838,990</b>	<b>\$ 22,026,306</b>	<b>\$ 22,037,449</b>
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>				
Police Special Detail	421,875	334,786	473,010	488,010
Recreation Day Camp	140,191	106,822	146,134	149,634
Bedford Community Television	256,393	242,056	324,537	378,337
Sewer Fund	1,409,788	1,066,773	1,460,121	1,485,121
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	57,500	57,500	57,500	57,500
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 23,762,177</b>	<b>\$ 21,646,928</b>	<b>\$ 24,487,608</b>	<b>\$ 24,696,051</b>

**Debt Service Payments** (*principal and interest*) are included in the above proposed budget in the following departments:

Public Safety Complex: \$122,406

Landfill Closure: \$149,280

Road Resurfacing: \$2,494,000

Library: \$153,988

Total GF: \$2,919,674

Sewer Enterprise: \$186,212



**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
2009 PROPOSED REVENUES**

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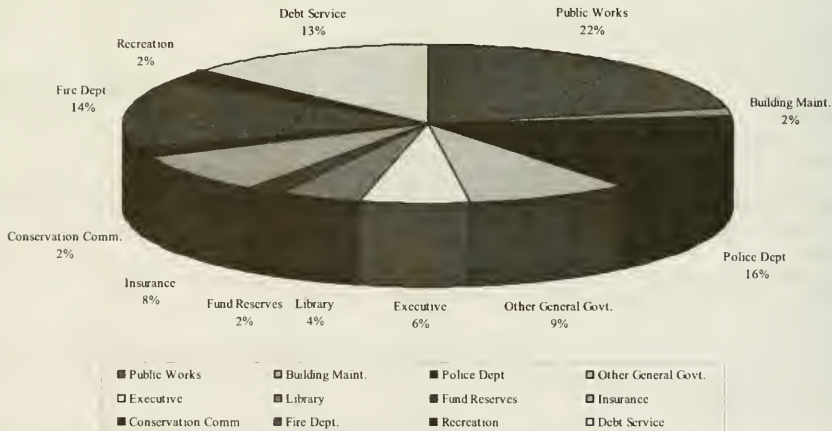
DEPARTMENT	2008 APPROVED BUDGET	2008 REVENUES 12/31/08	2009 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2009 TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
TOWN COUNCIL	949,000	-	949,000	949,000
TOWN MANAGER	18,000	18,198	18,000	18,000
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION	400	-	-	-
TAX COLLECTOR	16,224,646	16,128,798	17,012,406	16,704,670
TOWN CLERK	41,000	32,257	44,000	44,000
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	1,393,090	1,360,152	1,436,784	1,487,784
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	-	-	14,272	99,772
ASSESSING	25,317	26,763	-	-
PLANNING BOARD	50,000	38,600	50,000	50,000
ZONING BOARD	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	500	500	500	500
PLANNING	105,089	109,754	1,100	1,100
TOWN HALL	3,000	1,935	3,000	3,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	9,600	9,601	9,600	9,600
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	120,766	150,821	133,308	133,308
CEMETERIES	7,000	7,200	7,000	7,000
POLICE				
Administration	103,850	130,770	110,000	110,000
Patrol	120,622	149,069	122,600	122,600
Subtotal Police	<b>\$ 224,472</b>	<b>\$ 279,839</b>	<b>\$ 232,600</b>	<b>\$ 232,600</b>
<b>FIRE</b>				
Administration	599,546	649,659	530,496	611,226
Operations	5,000	13,024	5,000	5,000
Building Inspection	147,500	140,964	150,500	150,500
Subtotal Fire	<b>\$ 762,046</b>	<b>\$ 803,647</b>	<b>\$ 685,996</b>	<b>\$ 766,726</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
Administration	519,897	568,623	519,810	539,724
Highway	207,295	204,388	142,787	177,787
Transfer Station	175,075	182,313	178,406	178,406
Subtotal Public Works	<b>\$ 902,267</b>	<b>\$ 966,324</b>	<b>\$ 841,003</b>	<b>\$ 895,917</b>
<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
<b>RECREATION</b>				
Administration	15,000	19,685	15,000	15,000
Programs	45,000	24,228	30,000	30,000
Fields	32,000	35,739	-	-
Pool	69,500	74,182	54,000	64,000
Subtotal Recreation	<b>\$ 161,600</b>	<b>\$ 163,834</b>	<b>\$ 99,000</b>	<b>\$ 109,000</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	-	-	-	36,735
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	478,137	-	478,137	478,137
<b>TOTAL 2009 GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 21,476,430</b>	<b>\$ 20,087,824</b>	<b>\$ 22,026,306</b>	<b>\$ 22,037,449</b>

# **TOWN OF BEDFORD 2008 PROPOSED REVENUES**

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<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>				
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<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	57,500	57,500	57,500	57,500
<b>TOTAL 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 23,762,177</b>	<b>\$ 21,631,084</b>	<b>\$ 24,487,608</b>	<b>\$ 24,596,051</b>

## **2009 PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN**



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PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE By Department	Est. Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>											
A. Town Office Building Reserve	41,521	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
B. Municipal Buildings	-	-	80,000	2,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C. TOB Facility Improvements	-	-	-	(2,500,000)	387,500	373,750	360,000	346,250	332,500	318,750	305,000
D. Bond Proceeds/P&I Pmts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Land Purchase Reserve	407,512	(25,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F. Accounting Software	400,000	72,203	35,000	35,000	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	(162,203)	-	-	-	-	-	-
H. Commercial Reassessment	-	15,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	95,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,000
I. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	(80,000)	-	-	-	-	(80,000)
J. Joppa Hill Bond Payments	-	259,210	249,780	240,005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K. Withdrawal from Liquid Act	-	(259,210)	(249,780)	(240,005)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L. Large Volume Tape Backup	14,272	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. MS Open Licensing	14,267	7,000	26,250	7,000	7,000	7,000	26,250	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
O. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(21,267)	-	-	-	(21,000)	-	-	-	-
P. Plotter/Printer/Copier	11,195	6,000	23,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(17,195)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Planning Software	-	-	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S. Pictometry Software Image Library	10,500	21,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	(10,500)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>II. POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>											
A. Radio Console Reserve	76,597	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	166,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
B. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	(148,597)	-	-	-	-	-
C. Safety Complex Bond	-	122,406	119,781	111,894	108,894	100,894	92,925	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
D. Safety Complex Reserve	5,749	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
E. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F. Patrol Vehicle Replacement	78,849	9,000	114,003	86,563	90,025	127,626	98,731	102,681	142,788	108,780	113,131
G. Portable Radios	28,111	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	72,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
H. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	(64,111)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>III. FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>											
A. Ambulance Reserve	81,167	50,000	160,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	175,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
B. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(131,167)	-	-	-	(150,000)	-	-	-	-
C. Fire Equipment Reserve	82,678	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
D. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Fire Engine Replacement	257,759	75,000	100,000	125,000	125,000	375,000	125,000	645,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
F. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	(275,000)	-	(525,000)	-	-	-
G. Fire Substation	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H. Bond Proceeds/P&I Pmts	-	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I. New Quint Fire Engine	-	-	600,000	255,000	244,000	233,000	222,000	211,000	-	-	-
J. Bond Proceeds/P&I Pmts	-	-	(600,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K. Tanker Replacement	152,919	75,000	250,000	153,000	146,400	139,800	133,200	141,600	-	-	-
L. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(227,919)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Loader Truck Replacement	-	-	90,000	90,000	90,000	50,000	50,000	90,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
N. Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE By Department	Est. Capital Reserve Bal. 6/12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>IV. RECREATION</b>											
A. Parks Vehicles/Equipment	-	-	43,500	63,500	30,000	-	15,000	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Deposit	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
B. Trail Design, Maintenance, Signage	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C. Little League Complex	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Repairs to Sportsman Field	20,778	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(20,778)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Parks Building	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F. Field Development & Repairs	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
G. Pool Building Maintenance	10,195	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
H. Kubota Tractor Replacement	5,000	5,000	5,000	25,000	(20,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I. Jacobsen Mower Replacement	30,000	-	71,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(30,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J. Town Hall Floors	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>V. LIBRARY</b>											
A. Library COB	-	153,988	145,150	141,700	133,031	129,150	125,125	116,119	112,063	35,000	-
B. Roof Replacement (2017)	6,588	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	(29,621)	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C. Exterior Painting (2010)	46,855	8,000	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(34,855)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Interior Painting (2009)	13,835	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	(13,835)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F. Wall Replacement (2019)	22,899	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	(22,899)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F. Parking Lot Repairs (2014)	13,578	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	(28,578)	-	-	-	-
G. Septic System (2016)	7,365	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	20,000	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17,865)	-	-
H. Carpet Replacement (2015)	19,395	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	48,000	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(43,395)	-	-	-
I. Parking Lot Construction (2010)	10,000	10,000	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	(20,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J. Boiler Replacement (2016)	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	20,000	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17,300)	-	-
<b>VI. LAND USE</b>											
A. Master Plan	-	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	175,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(157,500)
B. Route 3 Improvements	9,840	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	7,000,000	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,000,000)	-	-
C. Route 101 Improvements	-	-	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	4,500,000	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,000,000)	-	-	-	-
<b>VII. SOLID WASTE</b>											
A. Solid Waste Backhoe	31,199	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	90,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000



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By Department											
A. Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
B. Landfill Closure Bond	-	149,280	144,800	140,320	135,840	131,360	126,880	122,400	117,920	113,440	108,960
C. Transfer Station Improvements	76,637	50,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	900,000
D. Capital Reserve Withdrawal											(731,637)
E. Transfer Station Equipment	6,205										
<b>VILL. PUBLIC WORKS</b>											
A. Road Maintenance/Drainage	-	3,987,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000
Add'l Road Maintenance, Irrig Bonding											
Road Bond #1 Repayment (2003)		913,000	890,000	865,000	839,000	813,000					
Road Bond #2 Repayment (2006)		1,581,000	1,536,000	1,488,000	1,440,000	1,392,000	1,344,000	1,296,000	1,248,000		
B. Drainage Improvements	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
C. Traffic Signal Improvements	42,338	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000				
D. Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
D. Pickup Trucks	23,247	26,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		30,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(23,247)									
E. One-Ton Trucks	32,079		65,000		69,000	71,000		151,000			
Capital Reserve Deposit		60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	50,000		60,000	60,000	60,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(65,000)		(69,000)	(71,000)	(73,000)	(145,000)			
F. Six Wheel Dump Trucks	-	226,000	462,000	360,000	370,000	245,000	393,000	405,000	417,000	429,000	295,000
G. Ten Wheel Dump Trucks	71,946	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	156,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal						(151,946)					
H. All Purpose Tractor	45,721	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	104,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal						(93,721)					
I. Front-end Loader	119,540	155,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	175,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(119,540)					(160,000)				
J. Loader/Backhoe	36,271	15,000	15,000	80,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(66,271)							
K. Sweeper	5,505	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	188,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	218,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal						(160,000)					(180,000)
L. Roadside Mower/Tractor	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	99,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal							(90,000)				
M. Bulldozer	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	94,000	10,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal										(90,000)	
N. Fuel Storage Tanks	25,000	25,000		96,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(75,000)							
O. Compressor	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	60,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal							(51,000)				
P. Chipper	18,672	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	28,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal						(27,172)					
Q. Mechanics Equipment	-	8,700	13,700								
R. Grader	135,893	30,000	30,000	30,000	246,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(225,893)						
S. Sidewalk Reserve	12,736										
T. Building Addition	26,665										

TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - COUNCIL RECOMMENDED  
FISCAL YEARS 2009 - 2018

printed 2/3/2009

PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE By Department	Est. Capital Reserve Bal. # 12/31/08	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b> (total expenditures less capital reserve withdrawals)		8,143,127	11,573,403	10,197,606	10,483,994	10,147,933	10,074,396	9,493,055	8,142,306	5,688,449	5,552,954
<b>PROJECTED NET ASSESSED VALUATION</b> (projected annual growth \$/sqm)		3,700,457,344	3,410,457,344	3,450,457,344	3,480,457,344	3,530,457,344	3,570,457,344	3,610,457,344	3,690,457,344	3,690,457,344	3,730,457,344
<b>TAX RATE IMPACT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS</b> (total capital expenditures/assessed valuation) * 1000		2.48	3.38	2.96	3.00	2.87	2.82	2.35	2.20	1.53	1.49

<b>IX. ENTERPRISE FUNDS - Sewer and BCTV</b>											
(does not affect general fund expenditures or the tax rate)											
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
A. Sewer System Improvements	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
B. Sewer Capacity Reserve	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
C. 1992 Sewer Bonds	186,212	189,238	186,606	183,531							
D. Town Meeting Room Lighting	47,500										
E. Digital to HD Equipment	5,000	10,000	20,000	10,000	50,000						
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	-				(45,000)						
F. Renovations for Training Room	-	10,000	20,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	2,500		12,500								

NOTES: R/D = Capital Reserve Deposit      BOLD = Projected Equipment/Project Cost

## NOTES





Bedford School District  
Bedford, New Hampshire

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
(for the year ending June 30, 2008)

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**2009 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

SESSION I (Deliberations)  
Tuesday, February 3, 2009 - 7 p.m.

SESSION II (Ballot Vote)  
Tuesday, March 10, 2009 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS**  
for the year ending June 30, 2008

**DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**Moderator**

Ryk Bullock ..... 2010

**Clerk**

Lori Radke ..... 2010

**Treasurer**

Peter Herdklotz ..... 2010

**School Board**

David Sacks, Chairperson ..... 2010

Terry Wolf, Vice Chairperson ..... 2009

Cindy Chagnon ..... 2009

Bob Donahue ..... 2011

Don Graff ..... 2011

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## **REPORT OF THE BEDFORD SCHOOL BOARD**

The school year of 2007/08 will be one that will be remembered by the current generation of Bedford residents for a very long time. After a nearly 40 year plight to bring a high school into Bedford, that intensified over the past 10 years, Bedford students in grades 9 and 10 became the very first classes to attend the newly opened Bedford High School. While 2007/08 was a year of many outstanding accomplishments in the Bedford School District as a whole, those steps taken by those 588 students and the staff and teachers stand out for their historic significance.

The long and complex process that started after the March 8, 2005 vote came full circle with the completion of construction and the opening of Bedford High School and the Ross A Lurgio Middle School on August 29, 2007.

After those many hours of debates, those many pages of editorials, those many signs expressing opinions, the listening had occurred and the proposal for the campus comprising a Bedford high school and middle school was deemed to be the right solution at the right time. It is a cost efficient design that provides outstanding value for taxpayers, and leverages existing recreation resources both in the district and in the municipality. We are grateful to the efforts of the Town Council, Town Manager, Department of Parks and Recreation, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the various leagues in Bedford who have all helped in building a Memorandum of Understanding in sharing town and school resources.

The summer of 2007/08 included the very first installment of Bulldog Camp to provide staff orientation for the entire new body of staff that was going to open Bedford High School. It included a trip to Mount Cardigan which enabled the staff to understand to a degree the experiences that the incoming freshmen and sophomores shared while at McKelvie Middle School.

August 2007 also marked the first day for the transformation of McKelvie Middle School into

the McKelvie Intermediate School for grades 5 and 6. Consigned to the memory banks and history annals were the McKelvie Tartans and in their place, the McKelvie Mustangs have arrived.

The McKelvie conversion was one element in the reconfiguration of all schools in the Bedford School District. Memorial, Peter Woodbury and Riddle Brook Schools now house grades 1 through 4. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders moved to McKelvie Intermediate School. Grades 7 and 8 moved out of McKelvie to the brand new Ross A. Lurgio Middle School that is adjacent to the new Bedford High School.

The summer of 2007/08 was also marked by the remarkable efforts of the custodial staff who had the physical task of moving the grades. You might see them still proudly wearing “I survived the summer of 2007” T-shirts. Each school was impacted by the reconfiguration and the staff went above and beyond to ensure that all schools would be ready. The board is truly grateful to all concerned who made the transition a success.

During the school year of 2007/08, Bedford’s teaching staff continued to dedicate themselves to Bedford’s educational mission, particularly of enabling individual students to achieve their potential. Bedford continues to show great progress in this area by using the Northwest Education Association (NWEA) tools to measure and follow the path of each individual student and for each student to move forward in terms of academic achievement.

Bedford continues to deliver high quality education by leveraging many different methods and tools. Outside programs may be brought in but prior to implementation are heavily scrutinized and “Bedfordized” to ensure that they fit the needs of Bedford students, and the expectations of Bedford parents and residents.

As it is often said, the proof is in the pudding. Bedford’s students excel in standardized tests and their results rank in the upper echelon of New Hampshire schools. At the same time, the financial health of the Bedford School District is strong. Outside agencies have ranked bonds



issued by the Bedford School District very highly. This external opinion underscores that the fiscal practices of the board and the administration are sound. Bedford's costs per pupil continue to compare favorably when compared to typical districts of similar demographics *and* districts of similar size. This balancing act ensures that while we continue to strive for the best educational value, the district is being very mindful of the taxpayer and their interest in a stable tax rate with sound conservative spending.

It has been an honor to serve on the Bedford School Board during this momentous year. While all the fanfare of the new school remains a very vivid memory, I am more inspired by the little things that go on daily almost unnoticed in our schools. The diligence and devotion of our principals and assistant principals, teaching staff, and support staff is paramount in delivering a quality education at a reasonable cost.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sacks, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The 2007/08 school year was historic for the Bedford School District. After years of planning and hard work by many people, the district completed the new Ross A. Lurgio Middle School and Bedford High School facilities and reconfigured grades pre/kindergarten through 8. This reconfiguration allowed the district to address its crowded grades pre/kindergarten through 8 facilities and to begin educating its high school students in Bedford.

### **District Reconfiguration**

Bedford High School opened its doors to Bedford students in grades 9 and 10. Opening day enrollment was 588 students, slightly higher than anticipated. The high school *Planning Team*, led by Principal George Edwards, developed a challenging academic and cocurricular program based on the planning and input of many community members and staff. The professional and support staff participated in a thorough interview process prior to their selection. They spent three weeks in August participating in “Bulldog Camp” preparing for the school year. It was an honor for me to welcome the students on their first day of school and challenge them to establish the high expectations, norms, and traditions for our new high school.

The district’s other new facility, the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School, became the new home for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students this fall. Principal Ed Joyce and his staff developed a new identity for the school while maintaining many of the successful traditions established previously at the McKelvie Middle School. A major undertaking was the revision of the Environmental Education Unit (Mt. Cardigan) to articulate specific curriculum objectives and change the way students were assessed/graded. As a cost saving measure, the district relocated much of the furniture the district owned to the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School and purchased used furniture when possible.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Bedford community celebrated and dedicated the new facilities. Governor John Lynch and Senator John Sununu joined many local dignitaries, citizens and students in attendance. Past and present members of the school board finally were able to see firsthand the fruit of their efforts over many years. The dedication was highlighted by the musical performances of our Bedford High School students who sang in the choir and played in the band as part of the celebration.

The McKelvie Intermediate School became our new home for all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Principal Mike Fournier and his staff used feedback from a parent advisory group to plan some of the operational features of the school. A new mascot, the Mustangs, was selected by the students and approved by the school board. The staff and administration partnered with the Parent Teacher Group (PTG) to start a new fund raising activity called the “Move-a-thon.” The proceeds will fund a new playground and supplement clubs and student activities. McKelvie staff implemented new reading and math programs this year, continuing a plan that was completed at our three elementary schools in 2006/07.

The new high school/middle school facilities and the restructuring of the McKelvie Middle School into an intermediate school provided much needed “breathing room” in our three elementary schools to enable staff and students to use the space as it was intended. Music and art classes are now held in appropriately designed rooms in all buildings and special education and other support services have the space and privacy to conduct their programs appropriately.

### **Student Performance Data**

The district continues to use student performance data to assist staff in designing instruction and establishing benchmarks for student growth. This performance data is also used as one factor in determining the district’s professional development programming. It was through these efforts and the consistent, high quality instruction and support by our pro-

fessional and support staff that our kindergarten through grade 8 students met or exceeded their expected academic growth.

One assessment our district uses to measure student performance is the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) *Measure of Academic Progress* program. This computer adapted test adjusts assessments/questions based on student responses to measure student growth year over year in math, reading and language usage. We use this assessment to determine if students meet anticipated performance benchmarks based on national norms. For the first time in our four-year history using this assessment, all groups of students (based on their previous year's scores) met or exceeded growth expectations. This includes students across all range of abilities in grades 3 through 8 for math, reading, and language usage. By providing a clear picture of the instructional needs of our students, teachers are able to use this data to identify areas in which individual and groups of students need additional instruction and/or practice.

Continuing our practice established several years ago, all teachers in the district set measurable goals for their students. These goals, established by teams of teachers at a given grade level or for a given pod at the middle school, were based upon annual assessments and other standardized measures. Teachers established S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timed) goals. At the end of the year, teachers evaluated student progress on these goals. Although it is unrealistic for every student to reach every goal every year, as a district our students grew significantly. At the high school, teachers developed common assessments for each course in an effort to ensure reliability and consistency in our high school curriculum.

Although Bedford's student performance on the writing component of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) has been reasonable, the results have not been up to our typical standards. In order to address this need, our district has embarked on a four-year professional development program that focuses on improved writing instruction. The school board approved a writing coach position to work

with teachers and students in grades kindergarten through 4 to model effective writing instructional practices. Fifty-two elementary teachers attended a week long training this summer in the use of *Writer's Workshop*, a process-oriented method of instructing students in the area of writing. Additional district wide efforts include targeted writing instruction/assignments in all curriculum areas across grades in the middle school and high school. All freshmen must take and successfully complete an intensive writing course at Bedford High School. As a result of these initiatives, we expect continued improvement in future NECAP assessments.

### **Recruiting and Retaining Professional and Support Staff**

In March 2008, the voters approved the first year of a three-year negotiated contract with the Bedford Education Association (BEA), Bedford's teachers' association. The contract allows us to compete with surrounding districts in attracting and retaining high quality staff. The contract also moderates increases for health insurance through increased cost sharing with employees. Voters also approved the first of a three-year contract with the Bedford Education Support Staff Association (BESSA), Bedford's custodian and maintenance association; and the third year of a three-year contract with the Bedford Education Personnel Association (BEPA), which includes secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff. All the agreements included increased employee health insurance cost sharing.

This year marked the second Bedford School District Job Fair, attended by over 300 prospective employees, held at Bedford High School in February 2008. Director of Human Resources, Carol Sideris, provided the district with much needed direction and expertise. With over 150 positions to fill with the opening of Bedford High School and the district grade reconfiguration, district staff worked hard to recruit and hire quality people for administrative, professional, and support positions. Much time this year was spent recruiting,

interviewing, and observing these candidates so that we could ensure a good fit with our district.

### **Recognition**

The Bedford School Board has served this community well through countless hours of board meetings, work sessions, and committee work, in addition to time spent with the community listening to opinions and discussing various educational programs. In recent years, the demands placed on the board members have led to an increased commitment of time, and has resulted in significant improvements in the district: completion on the middle school/high school construction project, a productive transition to a new grade reconfiguration, and continued student success. I would personally like to thank the current and past board members for their service to the district. It is through the board's efforts that the Bedford School District can best align itself with the vision and expectations of the community.

It is also important to recognize the contribution made by our school volunteers. The Bedford School District was recognized by the NH Partners in Education as a "Blue Ribbon" school district because of the high degree of volunteerism in all schools. We are fortunate to be able to tap this rich resource. Our students and staff benefit from the school volunteers' service, caring attitude, and knowledge.

No educational organization can achieve its goals without the dedication of administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, food service personnel, custodians and maintenance staff, nurses, secretaries, clerks, technology support, committed and curious students, and supportive taxpayers. In the final analysis, it is the people, their relationships and accomplishments that define the organization, not the facilities. We are fortunate to have talented, generous individuals who make our school district a great place to work and learn.

### **Communication**

I encourage all Bedford citizens to share with me their ideas and feedback. We welcome you into

our schools to visit and/or to volunteer. Our website is rich in information about our school district. Please visit us at [www.sau25.net](http://www.sau25.net). Additionally, I have started a Superintendent's Blog designed to provide information and commentary to the greater Bedford school community. My blog is available at the following: <http://superintendentsblog.blogspot.com>.

The more you know what is happening in your schools and the more feedback we receive from the community, the better our schools can become.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy K. Mayes  
Superintendent of Schools



## MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bedford's community support of excellence in education provides a strong foundation for the work we do at Memorial School. This report highlights a few of the many wonderful learning experiences that happened during the 2007/08 school year.

Over the past year, the Memorial staff continued to focus on ensuring that all students grow in their literacy skills of reading, thinking, and writing. The staff is working hard to support the district's writing initiative. Our goal is to further develop the writing curriculum so that students' writing skills will flourish. A blend of Writers' Workshop and Six Traits serve as the foundation for our writing instruction. In addition, our teachers engage in professional conversations focused on improving students' writing, reading comprehension, and mathematical reasoning. Curriculum implementation and monitoring students' academic growth continue to be a top priority.

Our annual Fall into Learning: Family Math and Literacy Night provided parents with an opportunity to learn more about the reading, math, and writing curricula. Students and their families had the opportunity to write poetry, play math games, visit our reading café, and listen to storyteller, Odds Bodkin, tell imaginative tales.

We continue to be thankful for the many hours our parent volunteers contribute to our school. Their work enhances the learning of our students. We proudly received our eighteenth Blue Ribbon Achievement Award in recognition of the time and dedication of Memorial School volunteers. We sincerely appreciate resident Linda Browne's visits to our school with her dog, Lucy, "The Reading Dog". Lucy loves to listen to our students read.

Memorial School prides itself on being a community that supports and cares for others. Students collected \$490 for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is the

longest running youth philanthropic activity in the United States. Our third graders performed at the Union Leader Holiday Musical. Proceeds from the performance support the Salvation Army Santa Fund. As part of Pet Week, students donated pet food and toys to the New Hampshire Humane Society. In addition, our first graders brought items in for Toys for Tots. We are proud of the work our staff and students do to help others.

Many Memorial families joined us for our annual Spring Fling. The proceeds from this event continue to support our playground revitalization project and the Artist in Residence Program. We are thankful to Carabbas for sponsoring a delicious dinner and to the staff, students, families and area businesses for the many baskets they generously donated for our basket raffle.

Artist in Residence Rob Rossel returned to Memorial School to work with staff and students to create a tile mural. Under his direction, students designed a clay tile based on their grade level curriculum. The tiles created by staff and students are mounted in the front foyer. Special thanks to teachers Martha Westlund, Anne Rogers, and Leslie Fredette who helped coordinate this residency. We invite members of the community to drop by to see the finished product.

We are pleased to highlight the accomplishments of several of our teachers. Anne Rogers, our music teacher, was honored as a finalist for the Sixth Annual Celebrating Leadership in Education Award. What a wonderful way to end a long and distinguished career of teaching music and giving selflessly to Memorial School, the district, and education agencies at the state and national levels. Two of our teachers, Deborah Sinamark and Marilu Wilson, were recipients of the Bedford Education Foundation (BEF) Teacher Grants. Deb attended a weeklong Writing Institute at Columbia University. Marilu received a grant to purchase a saltwater aquarium. The aquarium will be used to inspire students' excitement for the sea by integrating the aquarium habitat with existing units of study.

Memorial students along with peers from the other elementary schools competed at the regional Destination ImagiNation Competition. Kathy Parker, SEED teacher at Riddle Brook School, was responsible for coordinating this enrichment opportunity for our students. Members of the teams had fun working with peers to present creative solutions to this year's challenges. We thank Kathy for providing our students with this rich opportunity.

Our students also had an opportunity to display their creativity when their inventions and Rube Goldberg Machines were showcased at our school's Invention Convention. The following winners displayed their inventions and Rube Goldberg Machines at the state Young Inventors Convention: Nolan Lancombe, Connor Lee, Jonathan Dias, and Kenzie Kearns.

This year Jason Albright was Memorial's Spelling Bee champion. He represented our school at the Manchester Area Spelling Bee. Fourth grader Nolan Lacombe won the school's Geography Bee which focused on United States Geography. Two of Memorial's students received recognition for the writing they submitted to the Bedford Historical Society's Flag Day writing competition. Jack Readman was the first place winner from Memorial School and Krystyna Keller placed second.

We would be remiss if we did not thank all the people that share in the successes of our school: the Bedford School Board, Superintendent Mayes, Assistant Superintendent McGee, the Parent Teacher Group, our volunteers, local businesses, the Bedford taxpayers, and most importantly the students and staff. Without your dedication and support, we would not have excellence in education. We appreciate the opportunity to share some of our school highlights with you and invite you to join us in celebrating the excellence of education in Bedford.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Ilg, Principal

## **PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The mission of the Peter Woodbury School is to integrate teaching, learning and caring in our community. We strive to cultivate an environment that fosters academic excellence, respects diversity, and builds a foundation for lifelong learning. Curriculum and assessment initiatives by all educators focus on defining and achieving high standards of learning and instruction. The use of technology supports curriculum integration by creating innovative teaching and learning experiences that blend with academic standards. Our motto at Peter Woodbury is "Believe – Achieve – Succeed".

Highlights of the school year included ...

### **Curriculum/Assessment**

Using the results of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Program, Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP), and other assessment data to customize instruction, all grade level teachers set measurable goals. They also established benchmarks that were reviewed in the spring. An example of this is our school's third grade teachers designed an instructional program that involved all of their students in lessons that focused on the standard of numbers and operations. In the spring assessment data, we noted that our grade three students made significant gains in this area. Each grade level's instructional plan had two objectives:

1. To assist students in establishing their own "target" objectives.
2. To improve instructional strategies and curriculum programs in the designated area.

This year, Peter Woodbury also adopted a goal to provide students with meaningful feedback in a timely manner. Teachers encouraged their students to use this feedback in their learning and completion of tasks. Teachers also reviewed assessment results with our students as they had conversations with them about their work.

### **Bedford Education Foundation**

The Bedford Education Foundation (BEF) funded three grants that were submitted by Peter Woodbury teachers. The goals of the BEF grants are to promote innovative professional development for educators and to encourage and support educators in their lifelong pursuit of knowledge. The funds from these grants provided training for our teachers to ...

- Enhance digital storytelling instruction through professional development using the "Image-Making" program. With this program, the teachers guide students to create pictures that generate a story that they share with their peers and family. Diane Lonergan, Kris Possee and Anne Lederhos received this grant.
- Learn how to plan, design, landscape, and construct a natural playground area. Connie Roberge and Mindy Beltramo received this grant.
- Attend the "International Council for Learning Disabilities" conference in Kansas City, MO. Lynn Knoll attended workshops that focused on effective strategies to assist students with learning disabilities and strengthen their writing skills. Upon her return, she was able to share new strategies with her colleagues.

### **Mentor Program**

New teachers were supported by the district's mentoring program. Veteran teachers guided new teachers through curriculum and assessment expectations, while orienting them to grade level, school and district standards and district procedures.

### **Playground Project**

During the 2007/2008 school year, a committee was formed to look at our playground needs and collected ideas from the teaching staff, students and parents. The committee went through the "Project Home" process. This process involved looking at the natural landscapes of the school yard and determining how to best enhance them for student observation, investigation, and

learning. Students were also surveyed to see what type of playground equipment would meet the needs of their age, skill levels and most of all, fun and enjoyment. Fund raising ideas were brainstormed for the next school year.

### **Responsive Classroom**

A positive school climate and culture has been established through the implementation of the strategies and beliefs of the “Responsive Classroom Program”. Staff and students use the strands of this program to build the positive culture and community that you find in our school. Our teachers have found that using this program has brought together our academic and social curriculums. Teachers, with their students, have daily morning meetings where they greet each other and share news and announcements for that day. The component areas of “Responsive Classroom” include: Morning Meeting, Rules Creation, Interactive Modeling, Positive Teacher Language, and Logical Consequences. Using each of these strands helps maintain a respectful culture where students strive to do their best and become productive community members.

### **School Safety**

The Peter Woodbury School’s Emergency Management Team discussed school security and safety issues on a monthly basis. It also monitored the emergency drills that our staff and students practiced. In addition to the ten fire drills that we conduct every year, our staff and students practiced lock downs, shelter in place, reverse evacuations, and drop drills. Teachers prepared the children at morning meetings and practiced with them to reduce and/or eliminate anxiety. Our children have been highly praised for their behavior during these drills – both by our staff members and the local authorities. During this year, communication equipment was upgraded in all of our district’s schools, as well as the implementation of suggestions made by the Security Assessment Report.

### **Volunteer Program**

In October, the NH Partners in Education Program recognized the Peter Woodbury School’s Volunteer Program as it received its eighteenth Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for its exemplary partnership between parents, community members, teachers, and staff.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

The Peter Woodbury School’s Student Council, coordinated by teachers Katie Curran and Jessica Ferenc, provided our students with an experience in governance and school/community service. Our students also thrived as they participated in “Homework Club”, “PWS Chorus”, “Art Club”, “Poetry Slam”, “Invention Convention”, “Geography and Spelling Bees”, “Destination ImagiNation,” and “Junior Jazzerise”.

### **Appreciation**

Bedford businesses, the Bedford Parent Teacher Group, and other support organizations enhanced learning and instruction through donations to special projects, classroom resources, and student visitations. We have also established school/business partnership relationships with the Bedford Mall, the Manchester Monarchs, and the Bedford Target store.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation to the Peter Woodbury staff, the Bedford School Board, administrators, central office staff, the Bedford Parent Teacher Group, parents and community members for their dedication to academics, learning and children.

Our students deserve a special commendation for the effort that they dedicate to reaching their highest potential on a daily basis!

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth Williams, Principal



## RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 2007/2008 school year was one of change at Riddle Brook School. The most significant change being that of moving from a kindergarten through grade five school, to a kindergarten through grade four school. We embraced our new identity as a true elementary school. Our goal was to warm up the appearance and feel of our school to better reflect the students who attend Riddle Brook. In addition, we were able to take advantage of the space our departing fifth grade left us. Programs such as physical and occupational therapy were able to move from an office to a classroom where they were better able to service students. In addition, special educators, who were previously stationed in grade level classrooms, were able to move into their own offices.

During the 2007/2008 school year, Riddle Brook School continued to focus its efforts on growth for all students in their reading, writing, and thinking skills in all content areas. Students participated in both formative and summative assessments to ensure we targeted instructional needs and set individual goals for students. In addition, after piloting the program in 2006/2007, Scott Foresman's *Reading Street* was fully implemented in kindergarten in 2007/2008. We were also pleased to be able to share the success of our reading program with other New Hampshire schools. We hosted teachers and administrators from Allentown and Gilmanton to discuss the merits of our approach to reading/language arts instruction.

During the summer, a number of our teachers participated in professional development opportunities provided by the district. In late June, the district's Summer Curriculum and Technology Institute took place with several Riddle Brook School teachers participating. Technology Integration Specialist Kay Klein supported the elementary librarians in creating a student workbook for the grade four *Land Ho* social studies unit. Second grade teachers Kim Blaine, Kathy Effenberger, and Paula Williams helped to revise the *Animals in Winter* curriculum

materials, and augment both the *Animals in Winter* and *Famous Americans* research databases. Third grade teachers Barb Fraser, Amy Moskwa, Becca Pepin, and Joanne Stottlar worked with their colleagues on creating a new binder for our space themed science unit entitled, *Our Place in Space*, which replaced the existing unit of *Above and Beyond*. Fourth grade teachers Tristan Bowen, Anne Koellmer, and Hilary Woods worked with some of their grade four peers to streamline the essential understandings, assessment tools, and activities of the *Land Ho* unit. This group also developed five sample technology projects for this unit. As we prepare for all of our students to have state-mandated digital portfolios, the work done during this week will provide our teachers with resources to create appropriate digital projects. In addition, during the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>, several Riddle Brook School teachers took part in the weeklong Writing Institute provided by Columbia University. The teachers found the information and experiences gained in these workshops invaluable.

Staff members at Riddle Brook School are committed to the *Responsive Classroom* approach, which emphasizes social, emotional, and academic growth in a strong and safe school community. We are proud of fourth grade teacher Kate Brennan who completed her two year training and is now certified as a Consulting Teacher for *Responsive Classroom*. This certification will enable Kate to provide Level I training and ongoing support of classroom implementation to our school and district employees.

Another important accomplishment of both staff members and students at Riddle Brook School during the 2007/2008 school year was that of our "*Pennies for Peace*" drive. Subsequent to Riddle Brook School's "Teachers as Readers" group reading the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, our school held a "*Pennies for Peace*" drive. The purpose was to educate our students about the world beyond their experiences and show them that they can make a positive impact on a global scale, one penny at a time. Our school was able to raise \$724.44, which was enough money to



hire a teacher and buy a year's worth of supplies for an impoverished school in Afghanistan.

We continue to value our relationship with our Parent Teacher Group and parent volunteers at Riddle Brook School. As a result of the commitment of our parents we were able to log 6,476 volunteer hours. This enabled Riddle Brook School to be awarded the NH Partners in Education Program's Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for our outstanding school volunteer program. I would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all of our parents and community members who volunteered in our school.

Two special community members that I would like to recognize for their contributions to Riddle Brook School during the 2007/2008 school year are Doris Spurway and Jill Greenwood. In preparation for Riddle Brook School's focus of Bedford History, Mrs. Spurway, Bedford's Town Historian, was gracious enough to provide our third grade students with a comprehensive and engaging presentation of Bedford's rich history. In addition, Mrs. Greenwood, who is a talented local folk artist, painted a historical depiction of Joppa Hill Farm in our music room hallway. This is a beautiful work of art that will be a legacy for Riddle Brook School students and staff members, as well as for the community at large. It was befitting that Mrs. Greenwood dedicated this mural to Mrs. Spurway.

Riddle Brook School was fortunate to hold several exciting events during the winter and spring of 2008. In February, we hosted our annual *Family Math and Literacy Night*. This provided a nice opportunity for students to teach their parents the various "math games" that accompany our *Everyday Mathematics* program. It was also an opportunity for parents to select appropriate reading materials for their child based on his/her Lexile number, which was provided to parents by our Reading Specialist, Bonnie Bell. In April, team members from the Manchester Wolves football team visited classrooms and read to the children. Also in April, we held our annual *Family Fun Night*, which was sponsored by our C.A.R.E. (Community Advocating Riddle Brook Excellence) Team. During this exciting evening,

participants were able to bid on baskets put together by individual classrooms at Riddle Brook School, participate in a "Cake Walk" to sponsor our Destination Imagination program, have their faces painted, dance to a DJ, and eat popcorn, pizza and ice cream sandwiches. Money raised at this event was designated toward future Artist in Residence endeavors. In May, we held our fourth grade play entitled, *Bebo with Aesop*. This event was facilitated by our Integrated Arts teachers – Mrs. Duhaime, Mrs. Bowler, Mrs. Munz, and Mrs. Knowles. We also hosted *Grandparents Day* in May. This is an exciting day for students as they are able to have a grandparent visit their classroom.

We are also proud of the accomplishments of some of our Riddle Brook School students. In January, Cole Johansen was the winner of our Geography Bee, and in February, Caroline Murphy won our Spelling Bee. In March, a group of fourth grade students were regional winners of *Destination Imagination*, which was spearheaded by S.E.E.D. teacher, Kathy Parker. The "Hit or Myth" team of Abby Hibbard, Megan Pemberton, Zack Rubenstein, Caleb Grimmett, Cole Johansen, Sean Kenney, and David Kassler was coached by Mrs. Grimmett, Mr. Pemberton, and Dr. Lotz. Mrs. Parker also facilitated our *Invention Convention* in March. Winners of this event included Nicholas Corkery and Isabelle Kapoian in grade three, and Jack Zimmerman and Carli Crews in grade four.

The mission of Riddle Brook School is to create a safe, respectful, and responsive environment where each child can share the joy of lifelong learning together with school, home, and community members. We are committed to academic excellence as we inspire our students to achieve to their highest potential and to be contributing members of society. It is because of the talent, dedication and partnership of our teachers, staff members, central office administrators, school board, district level colleagues, parents, and community members that we are able to provide this commitment to our students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly McCarthy, Principal

## McKELVIE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 2007/2008 school year marked the beginning of Bedford's newly restructured Intermediate School. Although the concrete and mortar of McKelvie did not change, the staff and student populations changed dramatically. While the seventh and eighth grade teachers moved to the newly constructed Ross A. Lurgio Middle School, the fifth grade teachers moved from the three elementary schools to McKelvie Intermediate School. Maintaining the tradition and spirit of McKelvie, the sixth grade instructional team helped our school bring together the qualities of both the elementary and middle school models. With the guidance of the Transition Advisory Committee, McKelvie's new mission was developed:

*"The mission of McKelvie Intermediate School, in cooperation with family and community, is to provide a safe learning environment. We believe in promoting intellectual curiosity while nurturing the unique social, emotional, and physical needs of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our commitment is to foster responsible students as they discover their role in the lifelong learning process."*

In keeping with our mission, the McKelvie faculty and staff have worked diligently to foster an environment where teaching and learning is paramount. With the adoptions of both Reading Street and Everyday Mathematics, Bedford students are being taught to think critically. In addition to this, we believe that students should have opportunities to explore and develop in activities that support and enhance their academic experiences. We have chosen to accomplish this through various after school activities, intramurals, and a school-wide effort known as the McKelvie Move-a-thon.

Reading instruction has historically been and continues to be one of the hallmarks of Bedford's excellent schools. In keeping with this tradition, both fifth and sixth grade students utilize the Reading Street Program as a vehicle to meet both state and local expectations in reading achievement. This comprehensive

reading program provides guidance in best practice with regards to structure, pacing, vocabulary, fluency, and reading comprehension. This is accomplished through a variety of high-interest reading selections that span a wide range of genres. Students and teachers spend ninety minutes per day teaching, reinforcing, and applying all that they learn throughout the Language Arts curriculum.

In the area of mathematics, McKelvie teachers use the Everyday Mathematics program as a tool to teach Bedford's math curriculum. Essentially, Everyday Math assists all students in understanding *how* and *why* problems are solved rather than just teaching an algorithm. Over the last several years, we have found this program to be helpful to our students in the areas of critical thinking, problem solving, and increasing student understanding of number sense. We have also found that a greater number of students are meeting the criteria of entering special math classes that enrich and challenge their math experience. As one of four schools in Bedford using this program, our teachers continue to develop and recognize that learning basic math facts is essential in a child's mathematical development. Teachers, students, and parents are to be commended for their efforts and successes in our students' mathematical achievement.

The McKelvie experience would not be complete without offering a variety of extra curricular activities in which students can choose to participate. When it comes to after school activities and intramural sports, the theme at our school is one of inclusiveness. We are proud to say that all students are invited and encouraged to try new activities. Some of the activities include: Lego Club, Art Club, Safe Sitters, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, Technology Student Association, Yearbook, Chorus, and Band to name a few. Students can also participate in non-competitive sports such as Basketball, Runner's Club, Field Hockey, or Ultimate Frisbee. Whatever their interest, staff members provide multiple offerings from which students can choose. Some students find their niche in these offerings while others enjoy a break from recreational sports as they attempt something new. We are thrilled to

have teachers and students working together to create a sense of belonging and fun.

At the end of October, all McKelvie students participated in our first annual Move-a-thon. This school-wide fundraiser was created as a way of increasing student interest in an active lifestyle while raising funds to support our school. With no middleman involved, all funds raised by the students came directly to the school. Students had family and friends sponsor them in an activity of their choice (skating, scootering, basketball, jump roping). With the help of faculty and parent volunteers, the students enjoyed being active outside while raising \$42,563.65. This money was earmarked for funding a playground, after school activities, the Bedford Parent Teacher Group, and teacher wish list items. This event ended as an exciting time for the students while, as a community, they worked toward a common goal.

In conclusion, it is important to remember that educating our children is a rewarding task that requires hard work, dedication, and caring. It is clear that Bedford's commitment to our children is evident in all that we endeavor to accomplish – whether through academic subjects like reading and math or through extra curricular opportunities for children before and after school. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the entire community for assisting and equipping us to reach the goal of our mission for each of the students we serve.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Fournier, Principal

## **ROSS A LURGIO MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

This year marked the beginning of the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School. The year began with much fanfare as the citizens of Bedford celebrated with Governor John Lynch and Senator John Sununu in the dedication of the new middle school and high school. The 700 seventh and eighth grade students quickly filled the new building with their spirit and enthusiasm.

Continuing our mission to provide an excellent education for all of our students, the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School used several points of data to drive curriculum and instruction. In the fall, all students participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). All students also participated in the Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) Measure of Academic Progress in the spring. Teachers combined the data from these formalized tests with their own observations and assessments to create curriculum that is most effective for their students.

The Ross A. Lurgio Middle School established its commitment to community service and charity through a food drive. The New Hampshire Food Bank was presented with over 16,000 cans of food at a heartwarming rally. Faculty members raised funds and awareness of the Special Olympics by taking part in the annual "Penguin Plunge." This dip in the frigid Atlantic Ocean is the culmination of months of fundraising. All funds directly benefit the Bedford Bobcats Special Olympic Team.

The middle school also benefited from the community's spirit of generosity. The Bedford Education Foundation (BEA) awarded grants to the school to aid in staff education as well as books for the school library. The Bedford Friends of Recreation helped make our gymnasium and dining hall safer through their donation of a portable automated external defibrillator (AED). The Bedford Parent Teacher Group has continued to be a cornerstone of

support in their donation of both funds and hours to support our educational programs.

Opportunities for student achievement extended beyond the classroom. Along with the traditional athletic teams, students at Lurgio excelled in local and state competitions including: Technology Students Association Conference, Math Counts Competition, First Lego Robotics Competition, New Hampshire State Geography Bee, and the Manchester District Spelling Bee.

Reflecting on the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School's first year, I can't help but be completely impressed with the diligence, spirit, brilliance, flexibility, and generosity of the students, staff, and families. I thank the community, parents, school board, central office, and especially the students for making the inaugural year of the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School a successful and rewarding year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward Joyce, Principal



## **BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

It is truly a pleasure to be writing my first report as principal of Bedford High School. Bedford High School has just completed its first year and has a great foundation from which to build. I am pleased to report to you on the accomplishments of our students and our school over this historic first year.

We opened our doors on August 29, 2007, to slightly less than 600 students in the ninth and tenth grades. Fifty-one teachers were hired and participated in our three-week Bulldog Summer Camp to prepare for opening day. During this year we developed and implemented our school's program and curriculum, we wrote competencies and common formative assessments for each class, and we instituted a grading system to inform parents and students of academic progress.

Bedford High School has established a challenging and supportive educational program for the students of our community. This challenging program not only features the implementation of the state mandated, competency-based system in which a student must be proficient in all competencies in order to successfully complete the class, but also raised the lowest acceptable passing grade to a seventy percent. After an expected period of adjustment the students and staff have embraced Bedford High School and the school's high expectations. Students' academic performance has been consistent with the performance residents have come to expect in the Bedford School District.

Bedford High School students took several standardized assessments to measure their academic performance during the 2007/2008 school year. Although they represented a small sample of the student population, these assessments will provide us with a good baseline from which we can measure future achievement. We had one hundred and twenty sophomores and fifteen freshmen take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in October of 2007. Our

average PSAT scores were significantly above the national averages in all three of the sub-tests (Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing), and above the state average in two of the three sub-tests (Critical Reading and Mathematics). The average Critical Reading score for a member of the class of 2010 was 49.0, the average Math score was 51.3, and the average Writing score was 45.9. The national averages are 42.6 on the Critical Reading, 43.5 on the Math, and 40.8 on the Writing.

Students have also excelled in Advanced Placement (AP) classes. These classes give our students the opportunity to earn college credit or other placement considerations for college-level classes taken in high school. These classes are typically offered to high school juniors and seniors; however, in order to challenge our students and give them an opportunity for advanced work we offered these classes to our sophomores. During the 2007/2008 school year, we had twenty-four students enrolled in two Advanced Placement classes, AP English language and Composition, and AP United States History. Students took the AP test in May of 2008 and seventy-five percent of them earned a score of three or higher (tests are scored on a 1 to 5 scale with 5 being the highest) and qualified for advanced placement consideration by the colleges they will attend.

This year Bedford High School also became the first school in New Hampshire, and one of only two north of Boston, to be authorized to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. This program will help raise the level of academic rigor in our school for all students. It requires students to ask challenging questions, to learn how to learn, to develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture, and to develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.

Intersession was introduced in the Spring of 2008 and was well received by students and teachers alike. Intersession is a unique learning experience that allows Bedford High School students the opportunity to explore educational



interests in a setting that is different from the regular school setting. Intersession took place on the three days prior to April vacation and included a wide variety of educational activities from learning about British sports to studying Film as Literature. Some of the activities were held at our school and some required extensive travel such as the Habitat for Humanity trip to New Orleans and the cultural trip to China.

Co-curricular activities have an important place in the education of students at Bedford High School. Students learn many lessons through co-curricular activities that compliment their academic learning and help prepare them to be successful members of society. We are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of student initiated co-curricular activities that include the arts, athletics, clubs, activities, and student government. Red Storm, our school's FIRST robotics club had a successful rookie season competing in two regional competitions in Manchester and one international competition in Atlanta, Georgia. Our music department placed two students in the New Hampshire All-State Music Festival, and one student in the All-State Jazz Festival. These honors are among the highest a high school music student in New Hampshire can receive. Students also had the opportunity to perform in the school's first drama production last March: *Grease*. Participation in the co-curricular activities is strong with many students involved in our programs.

Bedford High School sponsored forty athletic teams in thirty different sports. Participation in athletics is strong with almost 65% of our students participating on at least one team. Sportsmanship, a major area of emphasis for our school, was positive with Bedford High School receiving the NHIAA/NFHS Award of Excellence for the sportsmanship displayed by players and coaches throughout the year. Our boys' Soccer Team, Nordic Ski Team, and Winter Spirit Teams also were recognized for their sportsmanship during this year.

We continue to be grateful to our faculty and staff for the wonderful job they do for our students. Little of our success and accomplishments could be realized without their dedication

and hard work. We are grateful too for the preparation our students receive from the terrific teachers and staff at Memorial School, Peter Woodbury School, Riddle Brook School, McKelvie Intermediate School, and Ross A. Lurgio Middle School.

Our community celebrated the dedication of both Bedford High School and Ross A. Lurgio Middle School on Saturday, September 15, 2007. We appreciate our parents and community for their outstanding support. The Bedford High School Community Senate, the Bedford Parent Teacher Group, the Bedford Bulldogs Athletic Booster Club, the Bedford High School Arts Booster Club, the Bedford Education Foundation, the Bedford Recreation Department, and BCTV have provided valuable support of our students and school programs.

My report would not be complete without giving thanks to the people who make Bedford High School, and the work we do, possible. I would like to thank the citizens of Bedford, the Bedford School Board, our Superintendent of Schools Tim Mayes, our Assistant Superintendent Chip McGee, and all of the staff of the SAU office, for everything they have done to support the students and staff of Bedford High School. I would also like to give special thanks to the administrative team of Bedford High School for their long hours, dedication, and commitment to our students and to the school's philosophy. GO BULLDOGS!

Respectfully submitted,

George Edwards, Principal

**2008 ANNUAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT MEETING  
Session I – Deliberations**

**February 5, 2008**

The Bedford School District Deliberative Session I was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at the Bedford High School. School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the session at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bullock led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Bullock introduced those seated on the platform: Superintendent Tim Mayes, Chief Financial Officer Mark Conrad, Assistant Superintendent Chip McGee, School Board Chairperson Cindy Chagnon, Vice Chair Sue Thomas, Board member David Sacks, Board Member Steve Beals, School District Counsel Gene Van Loan, School District Clerk Lori Radke.

School District Moderator Ryk Bullock expressed thanks to his staff for their work and support. He also thanked the Bedford High School custodial staff, students, Principal George Edwards, Superintendent Tim Mayes, Bedford Highway Department, Bedford Police Department, and Bedford Fire Department for their assistance. Residents can pickup Absentee Ballots at the Town Office Building.

School Board Member, Cindy Chagnon-Recognized Sue Thomas and Steve Beals for their years of service. She thanked Steve Beals and Norm Longval for coming forth with the idea of putting the Middle School and High School together. It turned out to be a great idea. She recognized Sue for her many years she worked with PTG and the sports programs of Bedford. Steve has been on the board three years and Sue 8 years. She thanked Sue and Steve for all their hard work and dedication.

The rules of the meeting were explained by Mr. Bullock. He announced that he had received one petition for secret ballot for article II.

**ARTICLE I. [Election of officials.] To elect all necessary school district officials. (Vote by official ballot.)**

**ARTICLE II. [To purchase land for and to fund a new emergency accessway to the middle school/high school.] (Special Warrant Article)** In order to provide for an emergency, second accessway to the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School/Bedford High School complex off Chestnut Drive shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$445,000), (a) to purchase approximately 1.3 acres of land located adjacent to the middle school/high school owned by Chaland Development Corporation and consisting of Tax Map parcel #20-22-8; and (b) to construct the emergency accessway thereon, Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) of which will come from moneys previously raised and now accumulated in the School District Land Fund and One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) of which will be raised through general taxation? *(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

School Board Member, Steve Beals - After the initial passing of the middle/high school project an article for \$220,000 was presented look at providing safe access out of the middle/high school complex. As a result, the Connector Road idea was formed. When the Connector Road concept failed the school administration/Board was charged with exploring other options that would provide a secondary/safe entrance to the school complex. This request came from the Town Council. An Improved Access Committee was formed in May, members included:

- David Sacks
- Steve Beals
- Mike Izbicki, Council Liaison
- Mark Conrad, Chief Financial Officer
- Tim Mayes, Superintendent

The committee was charged with exploring secondary access options to the middle school / high school site and report on findings to the board. A preliminary report to the board was expected by October, 2006.

The committee established criteria for evaluating options.

1. Emergency Access to MS/HS Site
2. Safe access/egress of traffic to/from middle/high school site
3. Maximize value / minimize expenditure
4. Provide access to signalized intersection (current or future) on Rt. 101
5. Minimize traffic on neighborhood roads

Some of the options considered included:

1. Exit via Chestnut w/signalized intersection at Chestnut/Rt. 101
2. Exit via Normandcau/Town Rec. property to Nashua Rd. w/signalized intersection at Rt. 101/Nashua Rd.
3. Driveway to Wallace Rd.
4. Signalized intersection at Rt. 101/Nashua Rd. w/emergency connection via Chestnut
5. Emergency access via Chestnut to Rt. 101
6. Exit out easement to Bow Lane to “old” County Rd., then east or west

We reduced it to three options with VHB assistance using established criteria

1. Driveway to Wallace Rd.
2. Driveway via Chestnut Dr. to Signal at Rt. 101
3. Signal at Nashua Rd./Rt. 101 and emergency access via Chestnut Dr.

VHB informed us we needed more technical/engineering support.

School Board Member, David Sacks – We presented an article to voters in March 2007 requesting that the BSD be permitted to use remaining money from the connector rd. engineering/design funds (\$97,706) “... to study, design and/or engineer improved/additional traffic approaches to the high school/middle school.” The article was overwhelmingly supported. As a result we set out an invitation to bid through an RFP process. We Selected Vanasse, Hangan, Brustlin, Inc. VHB began work in June 2007.

We received a preliminary report in September 2007 based on the three options. In terms of selection of the preferred option was:

1. Based on VHB Recommendation/Analysis
2. Public Forum and Community Input/Support
3. Subcommittee Recommendation
4. Town Council Support

The preferred option met all original criteria establish by the subcommittee.

What was the improved access proposal Middle School/ High School? It was to improve access to the MS/HS by adding a signalized intersection at Nashua Rd. /NH Route 101 and additional turning/travel lanes. We went to the Department of Revenue Administration for approval. Their opinion included:

No statutory authority for the Bedford School District to make such an appropriation. They Cite RSA 194:1 which authorizes school boards to build and maintain “schoolhouses and outbuildings” and “buildings used for educational administration.” School district has no authority to build or maintain roads.

The emergency access part still remains the school districts responsibility however; the Nashua Road/101 improvements now are part of the town warrant.

Article II, which is the Emergency Access, includes the purchase of land and to construct an emergency access road to the MS/HS site from Chestnut Drive. This is now only a sub component of the Nashua Rd. signal/Rt. 101 improved access proposal. The remaining components, i.e. Nashua Rd. Signal and widening of NH101 are on the town warrant as part of the Town Road Bond. In terms of Article II, we will purchase land for \$275,000, monies used from a Land Fund, (previously raised ... no tax impact) and the construction of the emergency access which is \$170,000. This amount will be raised through taxation. This is a total appropriation of \$445,000, which has tax impact of \$0.05. This is for the access road only.

Gus Garceau, 24 North Amherst Road - I would like to propose an amendment to Article II. This has nothing to do with the emergency access.

Prior to the word “In” in the first sentence, add “First,” and change “In” to “in”

After the end of the existing Article, add the following:

“Second, shall the school district raise and appropriate a sum of \$1.00 to purchase the existing County Road, from its intersection with Wallace Road and Nashua Road, from the Town of Bedford.

Third, shall the school district raise and appropriate a sum of \$10,000 to contract for a survey of the meets and bounds and a centerline profile of County Road from its intersection with Wallace Road to Nashua Road.

Fourth, shall the school district raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,290,000 to contract for, under a design-build bidding process, (a) the permitting, design and construction of a driveway/emergency access to the Middle School/High School Complex and (b) the permitting, design and construction of traffic control structures on Nashua Road and Bell Hill Road near their intersection with Route 101, both as described below. The driveway access shall be a one-way driveway for traffic entering or exiting the Complex from Wallace Road.

The driveway/emergency access shall be a gate controlled access constructed on the existing County Road right of way beginning at the intersection of Wallace Road and County Road and ending at the intersection of the County Road right of way and the boundary of the Complex, a location that will be determined during the design phase of the design-build process, such that the access can be extended to existing parking lots or the perimeter road at the Complex. A new gate shall be located approximately at the location of the existing pipe barrier on County Road nearest to Wallace Road. A barrier/gate will be placed across the end of the newly constructed access such that traffic cannot travel thru to Nashua Road.

Except in the case of an emergency or maintenance, the driveway/emergency access shall be gated appropriately such that it is

available for use only when a traffic control officer is directing traffic at the Wallace Road intersection. Construction details of the driveway access shall be as shown in “Typical RURAL ROAD Cross Section” of Figure 1 of the Town of Bedford Department of Public Works Road Construction Standards amended as follows: (a) pavement width shall be 20 feet from the intersection of Wallace Road to the end of the existing pavement and 12 feet for the remainder of the access, (b) the slope of ¼” ft of the pavement shall be across the pavement from its high point to its low point, and (c) the “50 feet width right of way” shall be changed to read “existing surveyed right of way or that required on right of way of school district property. All other aspects of the Construction Standards shall not apply.

The control structures on Nashua Road and Bell Hill Roads shall be barriers placed on the Town owned portion of Nashua and Bell Hill Roads closest to Route 101 such that traffic on Route 101 will not be able to make a left hand turn across oncoming traffic but will be able to exit Route 101 turning right off Route 101 onto Nashua and Bell Hill Roads. If required by the Fire Department or the Police Department, a gate shall be installed in the new barrier at Nashua Road such that during an emergency, Fire or Police vehicles may turn left across Route 101 onto Nashua Road.

Appropriate signage shall be provided on Route 101 notifying traffic of the prohibition of left hand turns.”

School District Moderator, Ryk Bullock - I have concerns about the amendment as presented. I consulted with our attorney.

School District Counsel Gene Van Loan - The motion as presented is inappropriate. The Statue of New Hampshire requires a warrant to warn voters of what is to be discussed at the meeting. In my opinion Article II, as presented, involves the purchase of a particular piece of property and the construction on that property for an emergency access road for a certain amount of money. The amendment as presented adds to Article II a whole different project on the other side of the Middle/High School complex. It's a



different construction project with a different purpose; not too mention the changes on Nashua Road, 101, and Bell Hill Road. This amendment is inappropriate because it goes beyond the scope of what the voters might have considered. This is an illegal amendment to this article.

School District Moderator, Ryk Bullock- Based on Attorney Van Loans advice, I am going to declare Mr. Garceau's amendment illegal by virtue of its scope. However, if there are two people who believe my ruling is in error they may speak now and a vote will be taken to overrule my standing. Does anyone second Mr. Garceau's position that my ruling is in error. Seeing none, my ruling stands.

Kevin Keyes, 3 Church Road- I do want to make it clear that I am in favor of this article however; I do have some technical questions. Did you confirm the existence of parcel Tax map 20-22-8? The reason I am asking is because the parcel may not have been technically reported properly. It appears to be a solvable issue but you may want to be aware of this.

School District Counsel Gene Van Loan - No. The School Board negotiated the piece. If the vote was favored to raise the money and if there was a title defect the school board would not be obligated to purchase the property. That has not been determined because there has not been a full title search.

Kevin Keyes – If there was a defect on the title can someone say you have not received the appropriate approval from the town to buy this land?

School District Counsel Gene Van Loan - The article as stated is to raise the money, it does not obligate the district to buy the property.

Kevin Keyes - Has the breakdown been established for the cost of the construction and the cost of the land and is that land under contract?

Superintendent Tim Mayes -Yes. The purchase price for the property is \$275,000. The construction is \$170,000.

We have a purchase and sales agreement with the property owner.

Kevin Keyes-My final comment. \$275,000 for that property seems extremely high.

Gus Garceau - Mr. Van Loan made a decision based on something outside this warrant yet we spent a fair amount of time talking about something this school board can't do on Route 101. I don't see how that shouldn't be considered in reconsidering this particular amendment.

School District Moderator, Ryk Bullock - Gus, I already made a ruling on the amendment.

Paul Macewen, 300 South River Road - I thought this was a deliberative session and that people can make changes to items on the agenda. I am not in favor or against the proposed amendment but I think it is inappropriate to make a ruling unless people have a chance to vote.

School District Moderator, Ryk Bullock - People won't be voting tonight. At the very best we would be creating an amendment to any article we are pursuing tonight. We could have spent two hours talking about something that will eventually be struck down.

Paul Macewen - If this saves millions of dollars. It would be worth it.

School District Moderator, Ryk Bullock -Again, perhaps it should have been brought up at an earlier time. All I can deal with is what is on paper and any amendment that comes to the floor. Amendments must, by law, conform to certain limitations.

Beverly Berry, 59 Liberty Hill Road - Does the money include buying rights of ways of property.

Superintendent Tim Mayes -The purchase price is for the property and any lot line adjustments.



Beverly Barry - In prior meeting, it was mentioned that there were several properties affected.

Superintendent Tim Mayes - Those properties were involved with the improvements on Nashua Road and Route 101 which are now on the town ballot.

School Board Member , David Sacks - The slide show presentation tonight was designed to show in detail what Article II covered.

Dave Marinkov, 15 Iron Horse Drive - If article II passes, will this be a town road or school road and what type of maintenance is involved?

Superintendent Tim Mayes - It will be maintained by the school district

Dave Marinkov - Will additional funds be required next year to maintain this road?

School Board Member, David Sacks - This road is gated on both ends. It will be used for emergence purposes only. The amount of road that needs to be maintained is minimal.

Joleen Worden, 7 Birchwood Circle-If anybody in the room or watching from the TV audience feels Mr. Garceau has been deprived of due process; I want to make it clear that Mr. Garceau as well as myself were invited to come before the sub-committee to present ideas. We were given every courtesy. Mr. Garceau's idea was not chosen. Mr. Garceau had every right to petition. That petition would have required enough citizen signatures. No one has been deprived of their rights.

Dennis Grimes, 57 Bracken Circle - There is a lot of commercial property on Chestnut Road. Are you going to be responsible for maintenance of that road from where your property starts on Chestnut Road up to the school property? There is not a lot of road maintenance required by school.

School Board Member, Steve Beals - There is active real estate using that road right now and they are paying taxes. The area is about 170 feet

and it may not be paved, however, it will be gated. Within the right of way it will be straighten so that emergency trucks can make it up to the school. There will be a nominal cost to maintain the road.

Dennis Grimes - What is favorable about this access road is that it's the shortest distance for the emergency trucks to travel from the Safety Complex.

Paul Lemarche, King Rd - It was reported January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Union Leader that the board is projecting a \$500,000 surplus. Is that true?

CFO Mark Conrad - Yes, it is true.

Paul Lemarche - Why can't we use that \$500,000 surplus and take the warrant article off and negate the tax impact?

CFO Mark Conrad - From a tax perspective it would not make a difference because to the extent we have a surplus it gets moved into a tax relief in the next year's budget. Another reason is we need voter approval to expend monies from the school district land fund.

Paul Lemarche - Where in the budget is that \$500,000 going to have an impact on our taxes?

CFO Mark Conrad - In establishing a tax rate for next year the Department of Revenue Administration requires that we take any surplus, expenditure or revenue, and put that toward next year's budget as a source of income.

Paul Lemarche - Wasn't there 1.6 million in fund transfers made last year for capital asset projects. The money was physically available to do that. So if there is a \$500,000 surplus, I don't understand why it is not available to us as a tax break. Where am I going to see that?

School Board Member Sue Thomas - It is important that we finish the year with a tax surplus. It is the first line on the revenue page. So, the \$500.00 has been budgeted for the operating budget. It's a transfer in the books. It comes out if the bottom of one year's budget then on the top of the next year's budget. If that

money was used to purchase the land it would not have been available to offset the operating budget.

Superintendent Tim Mayes - Whether we use money the from land fund or from operating budget, we still need voter approval to purchase the land. The trust fund is written in that it requires any school board to seek voter approval before any land is purchased. We are expecting a \$600,000 surplus, \$500,00 from the expense side and \$100,00 from the revenue side. This will go toward revenue to reduce the tax impact next year.

School Board Member Sue Thomas - In the handout you will see on the third page it says "the Bedford School District anticipated 2008-09 source of revenue" and then you see proposed 2008-09, the first line, an unreserved fund balance of \$600,000. That \$600,000 from the end of this year will go on top of next year's budget.

School Board Member Cindy Chagnon - Mr. Lemarche mentioned how much larger the unreserved balance was last year. We received allot of interest on the bond before it was expended. The largest part of the unreserved fund balance was the bond interest. Since the school is built we no longer have that money invested. There is a decrease in the unreserved fund balances for this year.

**ARTICLE III. [Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.]** *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Sixty-Six Dollars (\$683,066) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2008/2009 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2007/2008 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

**ARTICLE IV. [Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.]** *Shall the school district, if Article III is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

**ARTICLE V. [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.]** *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$60,984) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2008/2009 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2007/2008 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

**ARTICLE VI. [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.]** *Shall the school district, if Article V is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article V cost items only? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Paul Lemarche - What is the purpose of the special meeting?

School Board Member Sue Thomas - In the event the warrant is defeated it gives the school board one chance to go back and re-negotiate the contract with the bargaining unit that needs to be negotiated with. And this authorizes us to call another special meeting without having to get signatures.

School District Counsel Gene Van Loan - If a warrant article is defeated that is to raise and appropriate a certain amount of money you cannot have a special meeting to reconsider that warrant article unless there is an emergency. The

superior court will determine if an emergency is. Except for collective bargaining issues only you can call one special meeting without having to declare an emergency. It's a unique feature of New Hampshire law.

Paul Lemarche - I thought if one of those contractual articles was defeated it was covered under the default budget.

School Board Member Steve Beals - It's a separate issue.

Dennis McMahan, 11 Suzanne Drive - Is it possible to put on the ballot the percentage of teacher salary increases so that the people know what they are voting on.

School District Counsel, Gene Van Loan - No. You can get that information from the school district, but we cannot publish that information on the ballot. The ballot includes only warrant articles as amended.

School Board Member David Sacks - You had the opportunity to learn about this at our bond and budget hearing that we do in January. The slides are available.

**ARTICLE VII.** *[Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Sixteen Dollars (\$143,016) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2008/2009 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2007/2008 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

**ARTICLE VIII.** *[Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the*

*school district, if Article VII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VII cost items only? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

**ARTICLE IX.** *[Operating budget.] Shall the district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately in Articles II, III, V, and VII, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Fifty-Five Million Fifty-One Thousand Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$55,051,097)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fifty Four Million Three Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$54,362,437) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

School District Moderator Ryk Bullock - I would draw your attention to the proposed budget from the handout. I will go through it by line item: Peter Woodbury School \$2,735,096, Memorial School \$2,678,940, Riddle Brook School \$2,933,225, McKelvie Intermediate \$3,264,955, Largo Middle School \$3,753,600, High School Education \$7,273,314, Special Education \$8,695,263, District Wide \$20,844,182, School Board & District Officers \$192,751, School Administrative Unit \$776,412, Maintenance \$1,787,735, Food Service \$1,172,690. Total \$56,108,163.

Superintendent Tim Mayes - I want to clarify the numbers you see on the printout include all the additional funds that would be in the separate warrant articles. They need to balance out. They would only be added in if the warrant articles were approved.

School Moderator Ryk Bullock - Anticipated revenues from the back page include Unreserved Fund Balance \$600,000, Revenues from State Sources, Federal Sources, Other Financial Sources, Local Revenue Other than taxes are all specified. Total fund balance in Revenue is \$4,964,400.

**ARTICLE X. *[Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)***

School Moderator Ryk Bullock - This concludes the 2008 Deliberative session. I want to thank Colleen Richardson and Bill Jennings from BCTV, the Bedford High Staff. Thank you for coming and I remind you that voting is March 11. The town budgetary meeting is Wednesday, March 5 in the High School Auditorium.

Submitted by

Lori Radke, School District Clerk



**2008 ANNUAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT MEETING  
Session II - Election/Ballot Vote**

**March 11, 2008**

Bedford School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the polls in the gymnasium at the Bedford High School at 7:00 a.m. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Bullock closed the polls.

At approximately 9:20 p.m., after all ballots were tallied and accounted for, Moderator Bullock announced a total of 3,549 ballots were cast (3,262 regular ballots and 287 absentee ballots) with the following results:

**ARTICLE I. (Election of Officers)**

*School Board (3-year term – two positions)*

- “Bob” Donahue – 1401 votes
- “Bill” Foote – 1212 votes
- “Don” Graff – 1630 votes
- Gary T. Pariseau – 706 votes

Bob Donahue and Don Graff were declared elected.

**ARTICLE II. [To purchase land for and to fund a new emergency accessway to the middle school/high school.] (Special Warrant Article)** In order to provide for an emergency, second accessway to the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School/Bedford High School complex off Chestnut Drive shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$445,000), (a) to purchase approximately 1.3 acres of land located adjacent to the middle school/high school owned by Chalant Development Corporation and consisting of Tax Map parcel #20-22-8; and (b) to construct the emergency accessway thereon, Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) of which will come from moneys previously raised and now accumulated in the School District Land Fund and One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) of which will be raised through general taxation? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

- Yes – 1889 votes; No – 1652 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article II passed.

**ARTICLE III. [Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.]** Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Sixty-Six Dollars (\$683,066) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2008/2009 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2007/2008 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

- Yes – 2318 votes; No – 1217 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article III passed.

**ARTICLE IV. [Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.]** Shall the school district, if Article III is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

- Yes – 2237 votes; No – 1201 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IV passed.

**ARTICLE V. [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.]** Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$60,984) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2008/2009 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated



increase over the 2007/2008 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? *(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2477 votes; No – 1060 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article V passed.

**ARTICLE VI. [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.]** Shall the school district, if Article V is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article V cost items only? *(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2373 votes; No – 1156 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VI passed.

**ARTICLE VII. [Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.]** Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Sixteen Dollars (\$143,016) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2008/2009 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2007/2008 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? *(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2358 votes; No – 1101 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VII passed.

**ARTICLE VIII. [Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.]** Shall the school district, if Article VII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VII cost

items only? *(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2273 votes; No – 1170 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VIII passed.

**ARTICLE IX. [Operating budget.]** Shall the district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately in Articles II, III, V, and VII, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Fifty-Five Million Fifty-One Thousand Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$55,051,097)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fifty Four Million Three Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$54,362,437) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] *(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 1985 votes; No – 1458 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IX passed.

**ARTICLE X. [Acceptance of gifts.]** Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? *(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2800 votes; No – 649 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article X passed.

Submitted by

Lori Radke, School District Clerk

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# **SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT**

**AND**

**2009/2010 PROPOSED BUDGET  
INFORMATION**

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**Bedford, New Hampshire  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

**7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Bedford High School - Gymnasium**

**Ballot Questions**

**ARTICLE I.** To elect all necessary school district officials.

- For School Board (3-year term) – Vote for not more than two (2)
  - “Cindy” Chagnon
  - “Bill” Foote
  - “Terry” Wolf
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in)
- For School District Treasurer (1-year term) – Vote for not more than one (1)
  - Brenda Bernard
  - Leslie Greiner
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in)

**ARTICLE II.** [Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Twenty Three Dollars (\$988,023) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2009/2010 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2008/2009 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

**ARTICLE III.** [Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article II is defeated, authorize the school board

to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article II cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

**ARTICLE IV.** [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$61,964) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2009/2010 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2008/2009 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

**ARTICLE V.** [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article IV is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

**ARTICLE VI.** [Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$142,314) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement

between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2009/2010 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2008/2009 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

**ARTICLE VII. [Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.]** Shall the school district, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

**ARTICLE VIII. [Operating budget.]** Shall the district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately in Articles II, IV, and VI, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Fifty Six Million Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$56,428,229)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fifty Six Million Seven Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$56,766,400) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

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## Bedford School District PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET

	2008-2009 BUDGET	2009-2010 PROPOSED	Increase (Decrease)
<b>PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL</b>			
Salaries	\$2,405,169	\$2,430,983	\$25,814
Supplies & Texts	115,188	117,730	2,542
Furniture & Equipment	34,291	16,210	(18,081)
Utilities	76,524	85,768	9,244
Other	24,798	27,410	2,612
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,655,970</b>	<b>\$2,678,101</b>	<b>\$22,131</b>
<b>MEMORIAL SCHOOL</b>			
Salaries	\$2,069,225	\$2,065,990	(\$3,235)
Supplies & Texts	97,983	100,093	2,110
Furniture & Equipment	25,313	14,190	(11,153)
Utilities	113,814	117,377	3,563
Other	26,360	23,226	(3,134)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,332,725</b>	<b>\$2,320,876</b>	<b>(\$11,849)</b>
<b>RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL</b>			
Salaries	\$2,411,274	\$2,507,671	\$96,397
Supplies & Texts	127,136	125,250	(1,886)
Furniture & Equipment	34,771	21,271	(13,500)
Utilities	183,881	189,420	5,539
Other	24,317	27,947	3,630
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,781,379</b>	<b>\$2,871,559</b>	<b>\$90,180</b>
<b>McKELVIE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL</b>			
Salaries	\$2,952,900	\$3,032,401	\$79,501
Supplies & Texts	175,610	148,160	(27,450)
Furniture & Equipment	52,196	26,313	(25,883)
Utilities	190,954	191,524	570
Other	19,792	25,579	5,787
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,391,452</b>	<b>\$3,423,977</b>	<b>\$32,525</b>
<b>ROSS A. LURGIO MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>			
Salaries	\$3,301,515	\$3,514,144	\$212,629
Supplies & Texts	109,702	129,126	19,424
Furniture & Equipment	33,564	38,279	4,715
Other	38,933	53,053	14,120
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,483,714</b>	<b>\$3,734,602</b>	<b>\$250,888</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION</b>			
Salaries	\$4,774,660	\$5,902,522	\$1,127,862
Tuition - Manchester	1,655,500	118,600	(1,536,900)
Supplies & Texts	330,829	396,964	66,135
Furniture & Equipment	32,573	43,435	10,862
Utilities (including middle school)	707,250	703,285	(3,965)
Other	409,203	428,975	19,772
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,910,015</b>	<b>\$7,593,781</b>	<b>(\$316,234)</b>

	<b>2008-2009 BUDGET</b>	<b>2009-2010 PROPOSED</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>			
Salaries	\$4,715,954	\$5,042,338	\$326,384
Supplies, Texts & Equipment	56,332	61,915	5,583
Psyc & Other Support Services	1,425,313	1,518,664	93,351
Tuition	1,301,447	1,368,331	66,884
Federal Funds	575,018	670,162	95,144
Transportation	605,324	653,709	48,385
Other	15,875	15,900	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,695,263</b>	<b>\$9,331,019</b>	<b>\$635,756</b>
<b>DISTRICT WIDE</b>			
Salaries	\$1,626,666	\$1,606,935	(\$19,731)
Supplies, Text & Equipment	621,538	420,371	(201,167)
Insurance	128,341	150,365	22,024
Benefits	11,647,870	12,565,027	917,157
Regular Transportation	1,581,877	1,607,289	25,412
Federal Funds	134,929	143,889	8,960
Debt Service	4,768,876	4,718,201	(50,675)
Arch./Eng./Const. Services	445,000	0	(445,000)
Other	247,960	289,487	41,527
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,203,057</b>	<b>\$21,501,564</b>	<b>\$298,507</b>
<b>SCHOOL BD &amp; DISTRICT OFFICERS</b>			
Salaries	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$0
Services & Supplies	152,000	142,000	(10,000)
Hiring, Printing & Dues	34,351	37,101	2,750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$192,751</b>	<b>\$185,501</b>	<b>(\$7,250)</b>
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT</b>			
Salaries	\$714,797	\$732,648	\$17,851
Services	7,995	7,985	(10)
Supplies & Equipment	17,000	19,900	2,900
Utilities	17,120	23,353	6,233
Travel, Meetings & Dues	19,500	22,750	3,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$776,412</b>	<b>\$806,636</b>	<b>\$30,224</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>			
Salaries	\$366,285	\$373,873	\$7,588
Supplies, Equipment & Repairs	1,065,289	774,387	(290,902)
Contracted Services	154,888	182,127	27,239
Utilities	201,273	189,698	(11,575)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,787,735</b>	<b>\$1,520,085</b>	<b>(\$267,650)</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>			
Salaries	\$375,546	\$415,949	\$40,403
Supplies & Equipment	658,201	1,068,775	410,574
Benefits	138,943	168,104	29,161
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,172,690</b>	<b>\$1,652,828</b>	<b>\$480,138</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$56,383,163</b>	<b>\$57,620,529</b>	<b>\$1,237,366</b>

*Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.*

**REVENUES AND CREDITS****(Includes Proposed Operating Budget and All Proposed Warrant Articles)**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Actual 2007-08</b>	<b>Approved 2008-09</b>	<b>Proposed 2009-10</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE</b>	\$1,760,468	\$2,096,577	\$430,000	(\$1,666,577)
<b>REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES</b>				
School Building Aid	\$1,239,262	\$1,201,959	\$1,123,581	(\$78,378)
Handicapped Aid - Catastrophic	726,831	514,572	450,000	(64,572)
Child Nutrition Program	11,907	14,000	15,000	1,000
Drive Education	11,700	20,400	30,000	9,600
<b>REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>				
Grants	\$138,322	\$159,878	\$143,889	(\$15,989)
Child Nutrition Program	114,477	115,000	125,000	10,000
Disabilities (IDEA) & Preschool Incentive	570,094	662,853	670,162	7,309
Medicaid	111,833	150,000	75,000	(75,000)
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES</b>				
Sale of Bonds or Notes <sup>(1)</sup>	\$2,715,422	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer from Capital Projects Fund <sup>(2)</sup>	0	275,000	0	(275,000)
<b>LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES</b>				
Tuition - Regular Day School <sup>(3)</sup>	\$82,073	\$80,000	\$70,000	(\$10,000)
Tuition – Summer School	0	21,900	20,000	(1,900)
Earnings on Investments	213,813	40,000	20,000	(20,000)
Food Service Sales	1,103,876	1,200,000	1,497,000	297,000
Rental of Facilities	73,401	75,000	75,000	0
Impact Fees	850,000	0	300,000	300,000
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	144,862	25,000	25,000	0
<b>TOTAL FUND BAL. &amp; REV.</b>	<b>\$9,868,341</b>	<b>\$6,652,139</b>	<b>\$5,069,632</b>	<b>(\$1,582,507)</b>
Equitable Education Grant	3,010,206	3,010,206	3,461,737	451,531
<b>TOTAL FUND BAL., REV., &amp; GRANT</b>	<b>\$12,878,547</b>	<b>\$9,662,345</b>	<b>\$8,531,369</b>	<b>(\$1,130,976)</b>
State School Assessment	7,479,772	7,483,986	7,612,906	128,920
Local School Assessment	36,790,197	39,236,831	41,476,254	2,239,423
<b>TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$44,269,969</b>	<b>\$46,720,817</b>	<b>\$49,089,160</b>	<b>\$2,368,343</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$54,433,094</b>	<b>\$56,383,163</b>	<b>\$57,620,529</b>	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$57,148,516</b>	<b>\$56,383,163</b>	<b>\$57,620,529</b>	

Note <sup>1</sup>: The 2007/08 appropriation included a \$2,715,422 bond issue for the middle school/high school start-up costs.

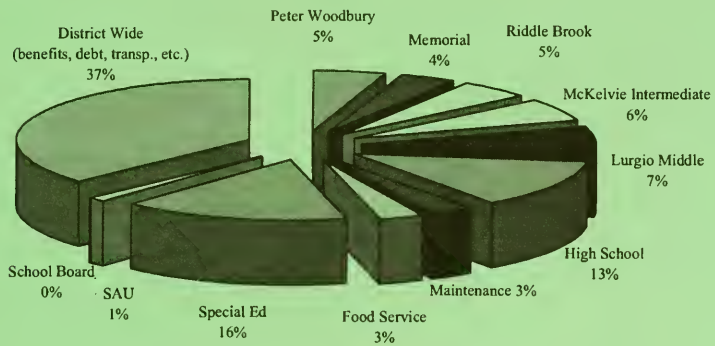
Note <sup>2</sup>: Voters approved an appropriation from the Land Fund for purchase of land for an emergency middle school/high school access road.

Note <sup>3</sup>: Regular day school tuition is generated by students attending a district preschool program.

Note <sup>4</sup>: Miscellaneous revenue includes a subsidy from Manchester Water Works (\$17,882).

## 2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET ANALYSIS

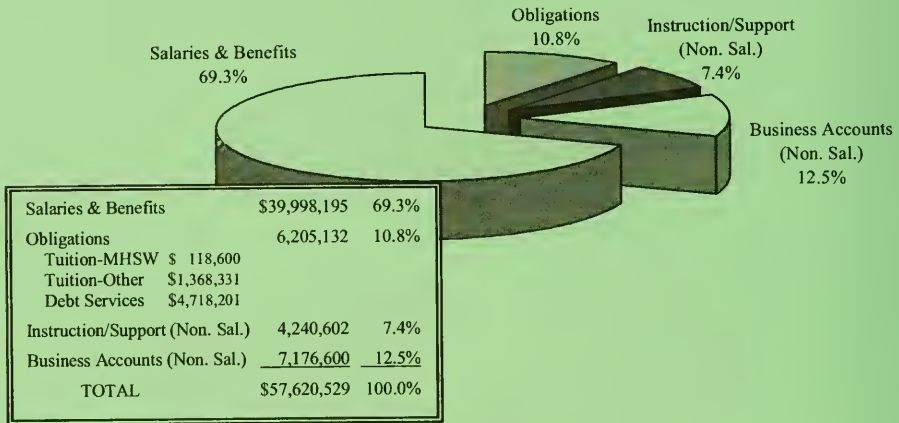
The following is an analysis of the proposed school district budget:



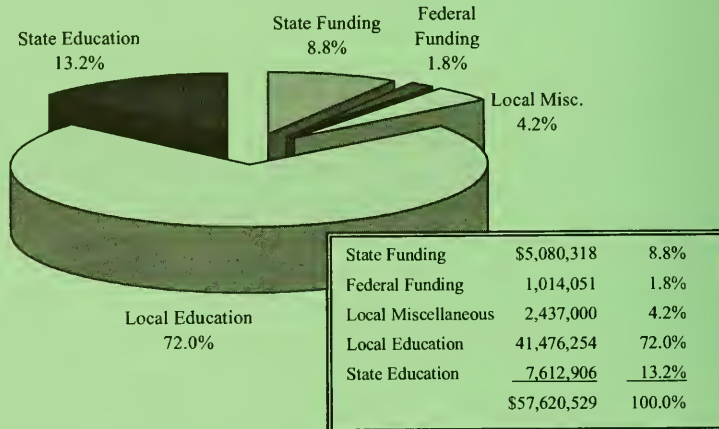
The above analysis of the budget allocates costs to the schools, departments, and programs for which they are incurred. The chart provides a quick visual comparison of the total budget.

*Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.*

## 2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE ANALYSIS



## 2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUE ANALYSIS





## RESIDENT ENROLLMENTS

SCHOOL	K	Gr.1	Gr.2	Gr.3	Gr.4	Gr.5	Gr. 6	Gr.7	Gr.8	Gr.9	Gr.10	Gr.11	Gr.12	Total 9/08	Total 9/07	Inc/Dec 9/07-9/08
Memorial	73	87	98	101	100									459	452	7
Peter Woodbury	67	113	136	139	122									577	579	-2
Riddle Brook	72	133	131	117	153									606	616	-10
McKelvie Int.						365	393							758	734	24
Lurgio Middle								359	333					692	696	-4
Bedford High										353	321	267		941	588	353
West High										0	0	12	213	225	442 <sup>1</sup>	-217
Central High										0	0	0	1	1	2 <sup>2</sup>	-1
Memorial High										0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bishop Brady										6	8	10	12	36	54	-18
Bishop Guertin										15	13	35	16	79	82	-3
Derryfield							4	10	12	12	13	23	15	89	94	-5
Grace Christian	0	3	2	1	2	3	1							12	13	-1
Holy Family		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	9	10	-1
Mt. Saint Mary	3	2	2	2	4	5	2							20	13	7
Mt. Zion	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	16	17	-1
Nashua Christia	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	6	10	-4
St. Benedict	0	3	0	1	2	2	1							9	9	0
St. Casimir	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0					2	1	1
St. Catherine	2	2	0	1	1	1	3							10	6	4
St. Paul's										2	2	0	1	5	3	2
Trinity										15	10	15	28	68	74	-6
Villa Augustina	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	1	0					10	19	-9
*Other	84	14	12	15	14	15	9	14	12	14	16	19	12	250	243	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>4880</b>	<b>4757</b>	<b>123</b>

<sup>1</sup> In 9/07 Bedford High School enrolled students in grades 9 and 10.<sup>2</sup> In 9/07, Manchester High School West enrolled students in grades 11 and 12.

\* Includes Bedford School District special education out-of-district enrollments.

## DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

DEBT SERVICE COSTS BY FISCAL YEAR (Principal & Interest)							
FY	RBS	RBS/SAU Additions	MS/HS	MWW	Start-up	Annual Cost	Principal Balance
1999	\$295,557					\$295,557	\$7,874,400
2000	\$755,583					\$755,583	\$7,874,400
2001	\$737,448					\$737,448	\$7,484,400
2002	\$719,313					\$719,313	\$7,094,400
2003	\$701,178	\$52,563				\$753,740	\$9,885,400
2004	\$683,043	\$402,363				\$1,085,405	\$9,495,400
2005	\$669,791	\$413,600				\$1,083,391	\$8,804,400
2006	\$651,424	\$405,600	\$1,076,877			\$2,133,901	\$55,594,400
2007	\$633,056	\$396,800	\$3,345,996	\$21,309		\$4,397,162	\$52,481,081
2008	\$614,689	\$387,200	\$3,344,471	\$75,530	\$67,081	\$4,488,971	\$51,353,882
2009	\$575,195	\$376,800	\$3,343,971	\$73,530	\$378,252	\$4,747,748	\$47,649,123
2010	\$565,351	\$364,800	\$3,345,346	\$71,530	\$371,175	\$4,718,202	\$43,799,136
2011	\$546,088	\$352,000	\$3,343,921	\$69,580	\$360,375	\$4,671,964	\$40,084,652
2012	\$528,000	\$339,200	\$3,343,168	\$67,750	\$349,575	\$4,627,693	\$36,502,110
2013	\$510,594	\$326,400	\$3,343,934	\$65,990	\$338,438	\$4,585,355	\$33,039,192
2014	\$489,438		\$3,344,459	\$64,230	\$326,963	\$4,225,089	\$29,691,306
2015	\$469,938		\$3,343,690	\$62,470	\$315,488	\$4,191,586	\$26,776,713
2016	\$450,438		\$3,345,053	\$60,710	\$298,125	\$4,154,326	\$23,963,985
2017	\$430,938		\$3,344,120	\$58,950	\$284,875	\$4,118,883	\$21,258,177
2018	\$408,969		\$3,343,500	\$57,190	\$271,625	\$4,081,284	\$18,638,940
2019	\$388,375		\$3,341,750	\$55,430		\$3,785,555	\$16,114,630
2020			\$3,345,250	\$53,670		\$3,398,920	\$13,943,239
2021			\$3,343,750	\$51,890		\$3,395,640	\$12,233,487
2022			\$3,342,125	\$50,090		\$3,392,215	\$10,601,606
2023			\$3,345,000	\$48,290		\$3,393,290	\$9,041,885
2024			\$3,342,125	\$46,470		\$3,388,595	\$7,553,527
2025			\$3,343,250	\$44,625		\$3,387,875	\$6,131,506
2026			\$3,343,000	\$42,775		\$3,385,775	\$4,773,535
2027			\$3,346,000	\$40,925		\$3,386,925	\$3,475,135
2028			\$3,342,000			\$3,342,000	\$2,236,118
2029			\$3,345,625			\$3,345,625	\$1,091,058
2030			\$3,341,500			\$3,341,500	(\$0)

## DEBT ISSUES

Riddle Brook School Construction (refunded)	
Date Issued:	8/29/2008
Maturity Date:	8/15/2018
Amount (principal):	\$3,935,000
Interest Rate	3.46%

Additions to RBS/SAU Office & Water Line Extension to McK	
Date Issued:	11/1/2002
Maturity Date:	11/1/2012
Amount (principal):	\$3,181,000
Interest Rate	3.37%

Middle School/High School Construction	
Date Issued:	7/15/2005
Maturity Date:	7/15/2029
Amount (principal):	\$47,505,000
Interest Rate	4.34%

Manchester Water Works Water Line Extension	
Date Issued:	6/1/2006
Maturity Date:	7/1/2026
Amount (principal):	\$800,000
Interest Rate	4.52%

MS/HS Start-up Costs Furniture, Equipment, Bleachers and Library Books	
Date Issued:	7/19/2007
Maturity Date:	8/15/2017
Amount (principal):	\$2,681,350
Interest Rate	4.28%

## COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

	2006-2007	2007-2008
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$8,797,132</b>	<b>\$9,750,693</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
State Sources		
- Catastrophic Aid	687,398	726,831
- Equitable Education Aid	0	0
Federal Sources		
- Individuals with Disabilities Act	618,344	570,094
- Medicaid Funds	160,832	111,833
Other Sources		
- Tuition*	58,176	82,073
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,524,750</b>	<b>\$1,490,831</b>
<b>NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST</b>	<b>\$7,272,382</b>	<b>\$8,259,862</b>

*Tuition is generated by typical students electing to attend the district's preschool program.*

## EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Trust Fund	Balance June 30, 2007	Interest Earned 2007/2008	Withdrawals 2007/2008	Balance June 30, 2008
Maintenance	\$45,257.66	\$2,205.67	\$0.00	\$47,463.33
Tuition	\$138,281.21	\$6,752.61	\$0.00	\$145,033.82
Land	\$547,856.71	\$24,848.60	(\$275,000.00)	\$297,705.31
New School Fund	\$8,557.40	\$403.40	\$0.00	\$8,960.80
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$739,952.98</b>	<b>\$34,210.28</b>	<b>(\$275,000.00)</b>	<b>\$499,163.26</b>

Information provided by the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Town of Bedford.

*On March 11, 2008, in Session II Ballot Voting for the FY 2009 school budget, the voters of Bedford approved Article II to withdraw \$275,000 from the school district Land Fund to purchase approximately 1.3 acres adjacent to the middle school/high school site for the purpose of constructing an emergency access way to and from the middle school/high school. The funds for the purchase of land were withdrawn from the Land Fund on May 20, 2008.*

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of the School Board  
Bedford School District  
Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Bedford School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 23, 2008, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Bedford School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Bedford School District. The combining and individual fund schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

May 23, 2008

Gregory A. Colby, CPA  
PLODZIK & SANDERSON,  
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NOTE: Completed audits are available for viewing on the district's website at [www.sau25.net](http://www.sau25.net)>district information>finance

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